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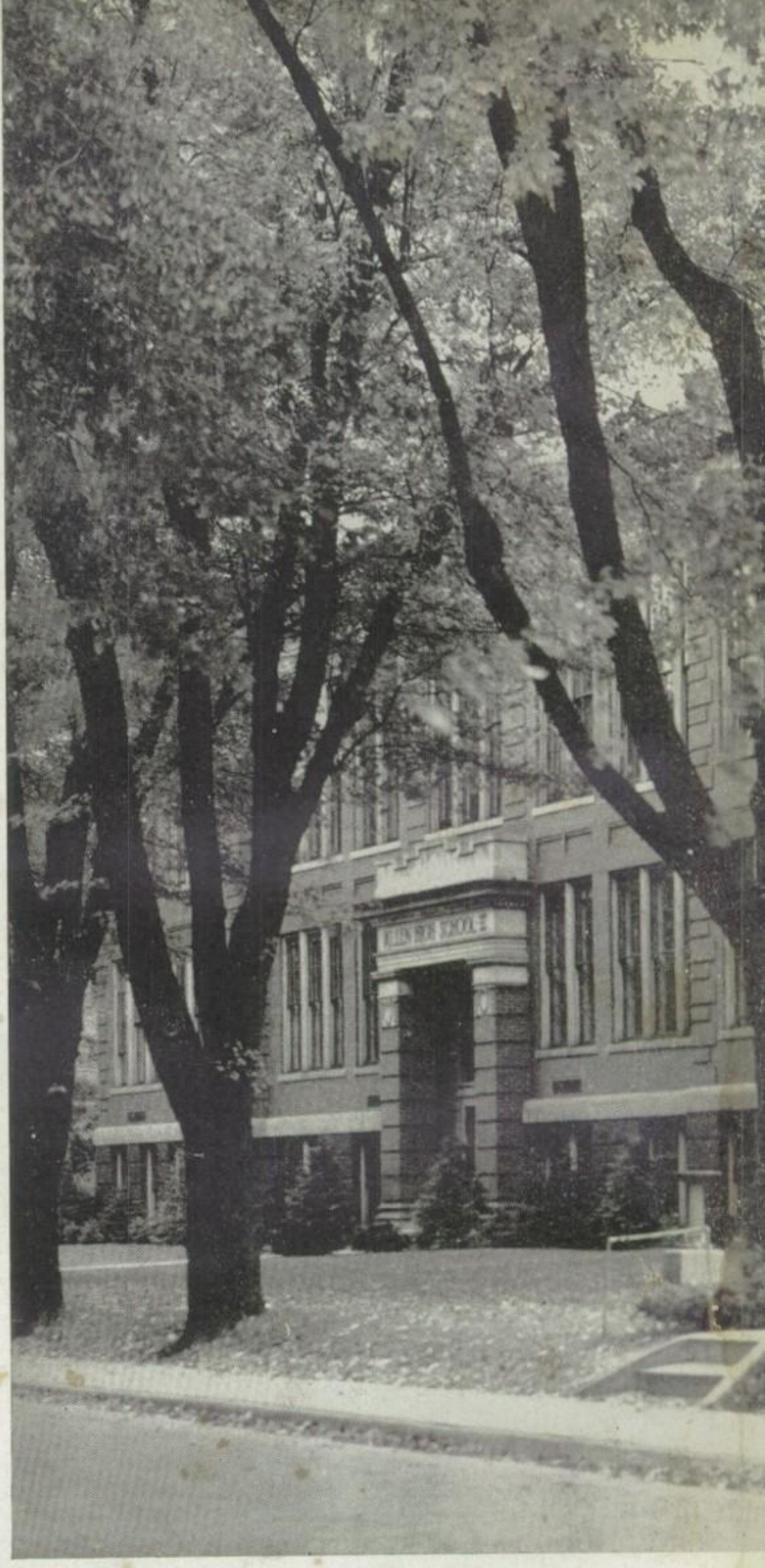
Foreword

Another year has passed, and like those who graduated before us we cherish the last four years because of the good times they brought, because of the knowledge we have acquired, and most of all because of the friends we have made. Therefore we believe it is fitting that we have built our yearbook around friendship. We hope that as you turn the pages of this annual, one by one, those countless unforgettable memories that you and your friends have shared with us will come rushing back into your minds to fill your heart with an everlasting glow.



Bluffton High Friendship

School Where Prevails

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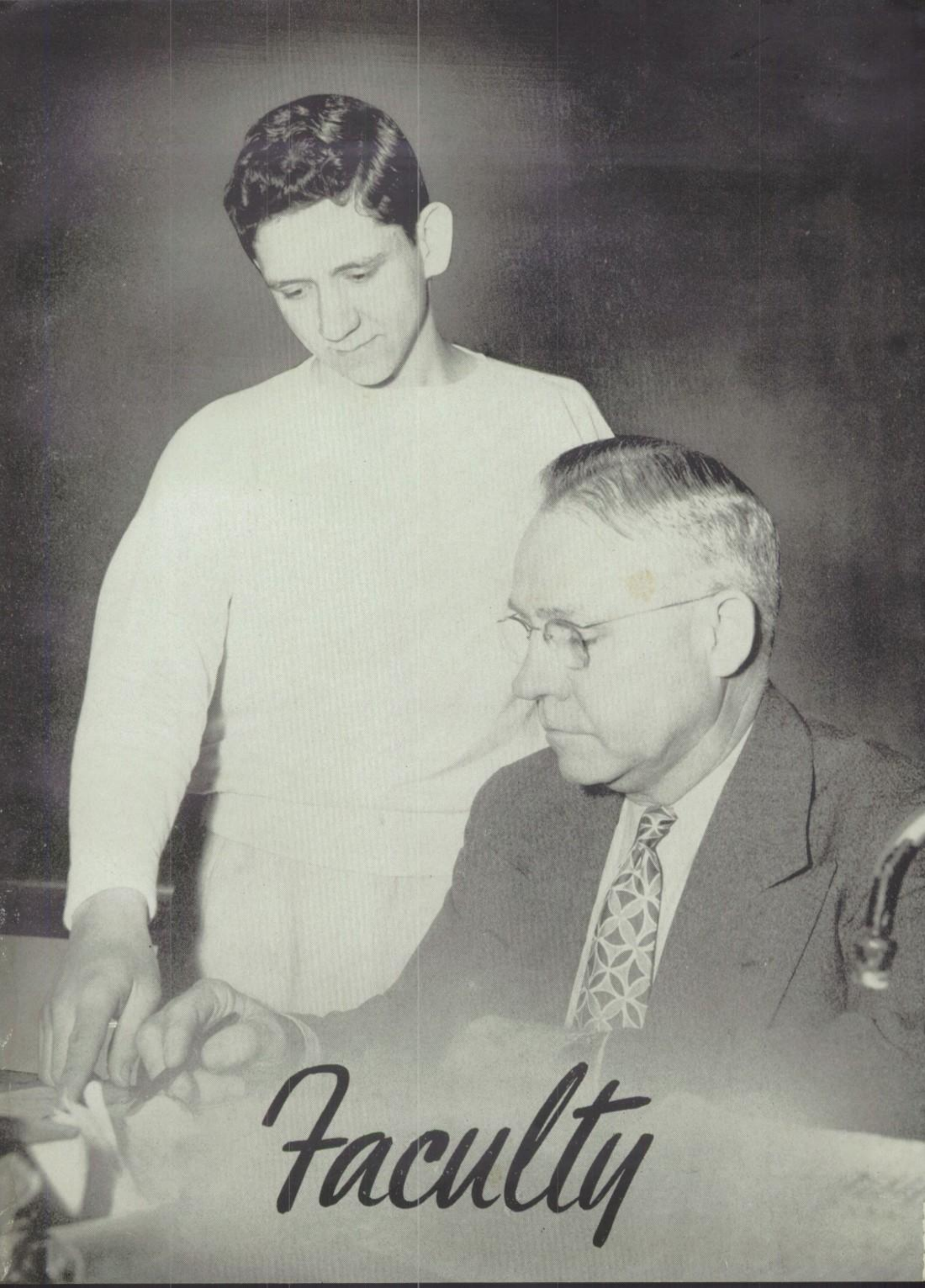
Dedication

To you, and you, and
you, the people who work
to-gether, and play to-gether, and
live to-gether at Bluffton High,
do we dedicate this 1949
Retrospect.



Faculty

Superintendent

A man with plenty of problems is our superintendent, Mr. Willey. Not only is he concerned with the management of our high school, but also with that of the three city grade schools. Always thinking of every student as a future citizen of the United States, he is constantly striving to advance and improve our educational system.

Principal

Mr. Park, our principal, is indeed a friend in the time of need. No matter how busy he may be with his many duties, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to a confused under classman, an undecided senior, or a worried teacher. He also advises the student council, the Comet staff, and the Retrospect business managers.

Secretaries

A bell to ring, a pass to make out, a letter to type, a check to write, a ringing telephone to answer, a test to mimeograph are only a few of the innumerable tasks that these two efficient secretaries perform daily. Their cheerfulness and consideration prove to be not only a benefit to our principal and superintendent, but also to us students and the faculty members.

Phyllis Gerber and Phebe Edington

Board of Education

The school board with each member serving as an interpreter and a community leader has achieved the link between school and community. With each monthly meeting it has adopted sound policies, determined salaries of all school employees, and approved budgets in an attempt to perfect our educational facilities.

Homer Markley—Secretary

Dr. Brickley—President

John Edris—Treasurer

Classroom

ROBERT N. BENNETT — Commerce. Butler University B. M., Junior Class Sponsor.

Bookkeeping students, Bill Moser, Jean Snyder, Dick Stram, and Shirley Malcolm find that this subject demands efficiency and meticulous care.

HUBERT DUBOIS—Social Studies. Manchester B. S.; Indiana University, M. S.; Football, Basketball, Track Coach; Freshman Class Sponsor.

Frances Sturgeon explains the intricacies of our present economic system to the class.

DONNA ERLET—Librarian. Ball State, B. S.; Assistant Class Play Director.

Proof that a library is more than just a place to day-dream is exemplified by Sharon Curry, Lester Faus, Jerry Croy, Jim Gregg, and Deni Hefty.

OLIVE GRIMSLEY—Vocal Music. Ball State, B. S.; Glee Clubs.

Candlelight and the solemn faces of Evelyn Stoller, Evelyn Arnold, Sharon Sutton, and Betsy Garrett suggest the annual Glee Club Christmas Cantata.

Friendships

JOHN HAMBLEN—Mathematics. Indiana University, A. B.; Senior Class Sponsor; Math Club Sponsor.

Bill Conner, Norma Park, and Evelyn Sweeny are displaying their skill at constructing geometric figures under Mr. Hamblen's scrutinizing eye.

JACQUELINE HUFFMAN — Vocational Home Economics. Purdue University, B. S.; Y-Teen Sponsor; Girls' 4-H Sponsor.

Mae Mowery, Peggy Penrod, Anna Steffen, Betty Adams, and Floy Biddle have a chance to prove their domestic ability on the new home economics dinette set.

JUNE HUNT—Health Education and English. Ball State, B. S.; Sophomore Class Sponsor; GAA Sponsor; Assistant Director of Class Plays.

While Doris Brown referees, Susie Markley and Marilyn Markley knock the tip off to their team members for a fast game of girls' basketball.

BLANCHE KARNS—Latin and English. Indiana University A. B.; Senior Class Sponsor; Editorial Adviser of the Retrospect; Sponsor of Quill and Scroll; Latin Club Sponsor.

The Freshman Latin Class listens attentively to Ned Speheger's and Sue Markley's dialogue in Latin.

JOSEPH F. LARMORE—Industrial Arts. Ball State, B. S.; Freshman Class Sponsor.

Jerry Marshall and Ed Kipfer lend a helping hand to Charlie Smith as he operates a band saw.

EDWIN R. MCNOWN——English. Indiana University, A. B.; Class Play Director; Junior Class Sponsor.

Doris Wilson, Nancy Baird and Jerry Braun attempt to untangle a complex sentence by diagramming.

FRED F. PARK — Principal — Mathematics and Science. Ball State, A. B.; Indiana University, M. S.; Adviser of the Comet; Business Adviser of the Retrospect.

The photo-electric cell is demonstrated by Melvin Day to his fellow students Polly Croy, Jerry E. Miller, and Stan Nash.

MARGARET POWERS — Commerce. DePauw, A. B.; Sponsor of National Honor Society; Junior Class Sponsor.

Barbara Decker, Joyce Felts, Phyllis Harmon and Bertha Betz are hard at work trying to decipher the hieroglyphics which Miss Powers has just dictated.

W. C. RATLIFF—Science. Indiana University, A. B.; Ticket Chairman for School Activities; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

Chemistry students, Jack Irey and Carolyn Rudy, discover that titration takes patience and accuracy for a successful experiment.

J. ROBERT SCHLATTER — Instrumental Music. Indiana University, B. M.

Carl Brown, Wayne Markley, and Bob Ferguson blare away on their trombones as Alberta Keller waits patiently her turn on the glockenspiel.

MARIE SWISHER — Art. Ball State Teachers College, A. B.

Posters, fashion designs, and still life pictures are only a few of the art projects at which Richard Adams, Joyce Scharlach, and Elizabeth Witzeman try their skill.

L. E. TEMPLIN—Industrial Arts and Driver Training, Safety. Manchester, B. S.; Director of Athletics; Freshman Class Sponsor.

Exactness means down to the nth degree in mechanical drawing for Bob Tuttle, Dick Edington, Jim Worster, and DeWayne Elston.

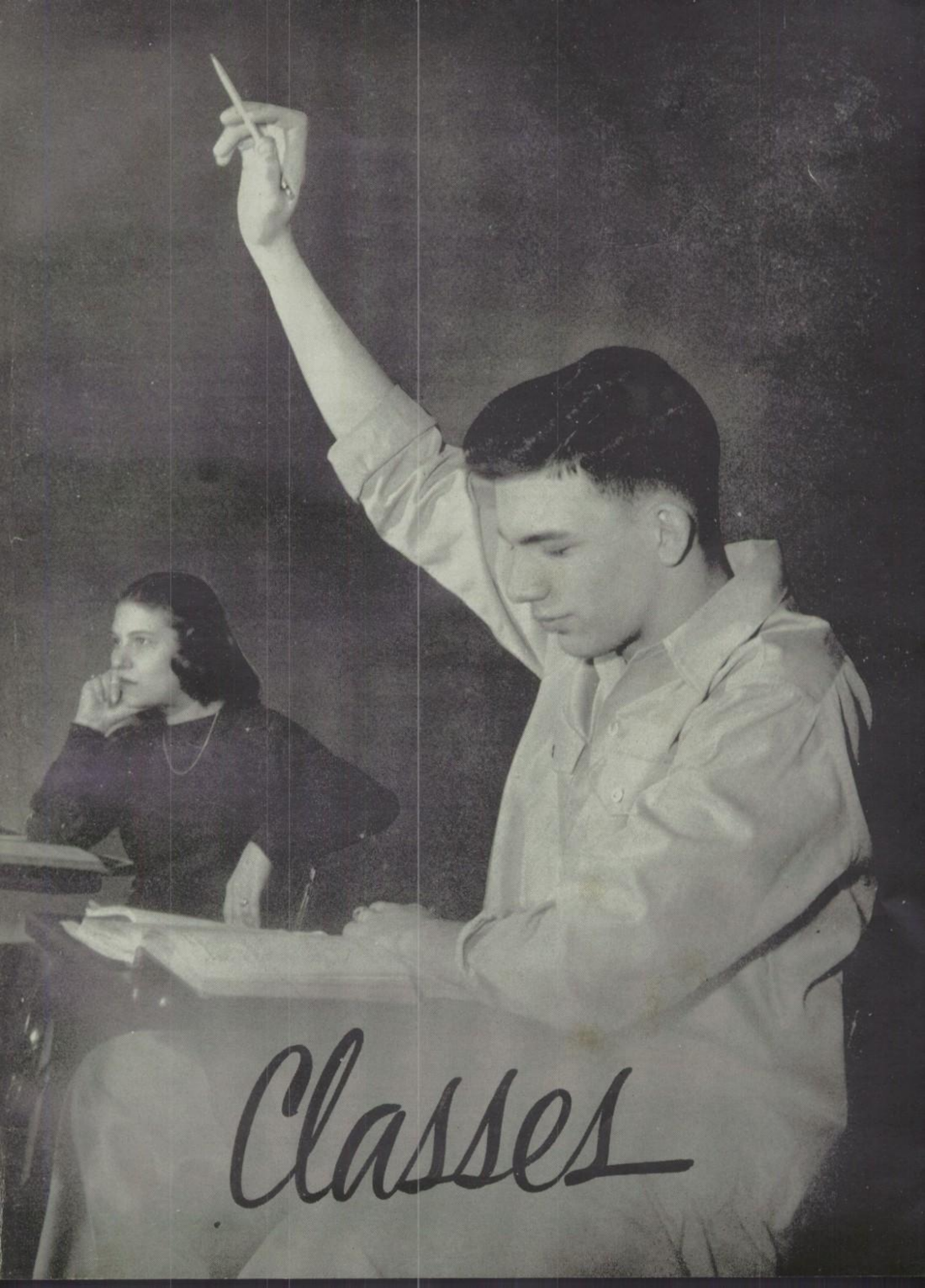
LLOYD A. ULMER—Social Studies. Ball State, B. S.; Hi-Y Sponsor; Sophomore Class Sponsor.

"Learning the Wars of Louis XIV is a battle itself" exclaim Jim Fitzpatrick, Bill Johnson, and Carolyn Grover.

RALPH G. WENTZ—Vocational Agriculture and Driver Training, Safety. Purdue University, B. S.; Boys' 4-H Sponsor; Senior Class Sponsor.

Future farmer, George Dunwiddie, points out the various stages of a hybrid seed to Tom Pfister and Donnie Athen.

Left to right: Mr. Schlatter practices what he preaches . . . "Sophie" and her Ipana smile . . . Is "Temp" thinking up another story . . . "Everybody Loves Coachie Dubois" . . . Miss Swisher is in her element when working with her new doll project.



Classes

Senior Officers

The Seniors are really going places this year under the leadership of Doris Brown, treasurer; Susanne Markley, vice president; Dick Roth, president; Bill Conner, athletic council member; and Nondes Kipfer, secretary.

Memoirs of the Class of 1949

At last the time has come. We are graduating from Allen High School. As we hear our names called one by one, we rise and are handed our diplomas. Many memories are rushing through our minds—memories which will never be forgotten—school dances, sports, coke parties, first dates; and most of all we shall always remember the friends we've made.

Our thoughts travel back to a warm day in September, 1945, when we entered upon something entirely new and different—high school. Although on that first day we thought ourselves quite grown-up, as we look back now we realize that we were just as green as those who had come before us and fully deserved the name "greenie." Struggling with locker combinations and trying to find the right room in a five minute intermission took up most of our time at first, but we soon learned to treat those lockers gently, and they worked much better.

At our first class meeting we elected Elizabeth Witzeman, president; Dick Edington, vice president; Sally Foster, secretary; Bill Collins, treasurer; Curt Sprunger, athletic council member. Our first class party was held in the gym, and a few of the boys gave us a preview of the new spring fashions and surprised us all by their modeling ability. Elizabeth Witzeman brought honor to our class by winning the state Scholastic Award in art.

Our Freshman year passed all too fast, and soon we entered upon our second year in high school. Although the Sophomore year is considered the dullest of the four years of high school, we managed to have our share of good times. Those girls wishing to become affiliated with Y-Teens were initiated, and many of the boys joined Hi-Y. Our Sophomore party was held at the State Forest with a pot-luck supper. We increased our treasury by bringing white elephants and auctioning them off to members of the class, and finished the evening by dancing. Our officers this year were Dick Roth, president; Sally Foster, vice president; Polly Croy, treasurer; Betty Thoma, secretary; Jerry Leimgruber, athletic council member.

Junior year! At last we were upper classmen. We loved to flash those long awaited class rings. In March we took off our shoes and presented our Junior Class Play, "The Campbells Are Coming," a hill-billy comedy, taking place in the Ozarks. We shall never

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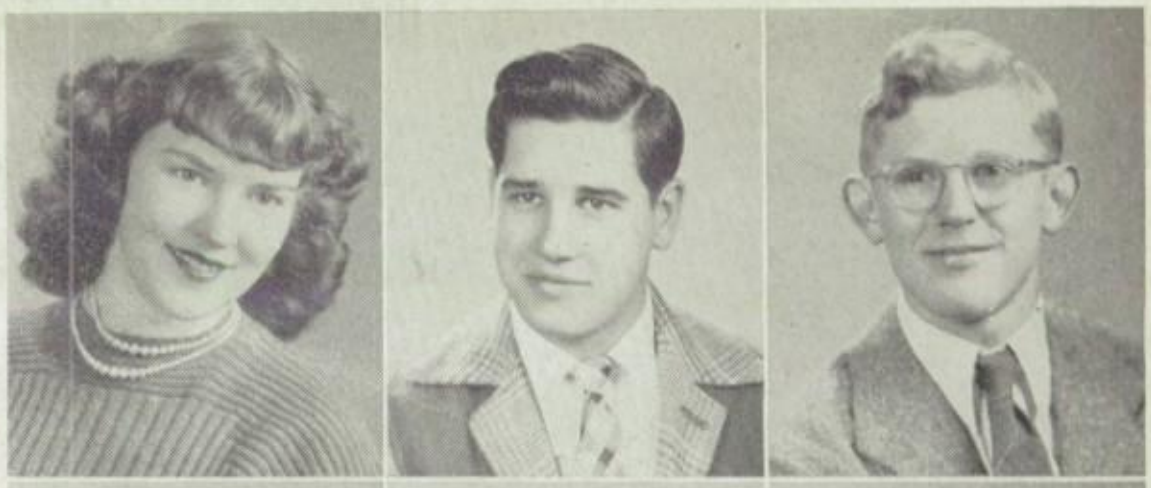
BETTY ADAMS
Genial

PAUL ALBERTSON
Obliging

MAX ANDERSON
Carefree



PATRICIA ARCHBOLD
Apathetic

EVELYN ARNOLD
Demure

INA CLAIRE BAIRD
Good Natured

KAYNEAL BAUMAN
"Romeo"

FLOY BIDDLE
Reserved

WILLIAM BLAIR
Affable

JOAN BOSWELL
Gracious

RICHARD BOWMAN
Impish

DORIS BROWN
Conscientious

JANELLE BUCKNER
Straightforward

PEGGY JO CAMPBELL
Coquettish

BETTY CARNALL
Quiet

GERALD COBBUM
Agrarian

WILLIAM COLLINS
Sphinx

WILLIAM CONNER
Steady

LAURA MAE COVERDALE
Giggles

PATRICIA CROSBIE
Candid

PAULINE CROY
Friendly

MARY AVOLYN CULVER
Persevering

MELVIN DAY
Earnest

RICHARD EDINGTON
Droll

WAYNE ELZEY
Nonchalant

ROBERT FERGUSON
Aggressive

GLORIA FLESHER
Likable

SALLY FOSTER
Facetious

BARBARA GASS
Quaint

RICHARD GILGEN
Impassive

MARY GILLIOM
Shy

RICHARD GLENN
Devoted

CHARLES GUILER
Bashful

HELEN (WILSON) HAINES
Domestic

NEIL HARRIS
Handsome

WAYNE HARTER
Young Lochinvar

DAVID HUFFMAN
Individualistic

MONA HUSS
Dependable

WILLIAM IRELAND
Good Looking

JACK IREY
Clever

DEE JAMISON
Athletic

JOYCE KELLER
Meticulous

NONDES KIPFER
Responsible

JOHN KYLE
Unperturbed

JERRY LEIMGRUBER
Happy-go-lucky

MARCILLE MALLER
Genteel

ROGER MALLER
Contented

JAMES MARKLEY
"Country Gentlemen"

MARILYN MARKLEY
Excitable

PATTY JO MARKLEY
Lively

SUSANNE MARKLEY
Vivacious

ROGER McADAMS
Reticent

JACK McAFEE
Argumentative

PATRICIA MOSER
Petite

MAE MOWERY
Mischievous

CATHERINE MUSTER
Energetic

SAMUEL MYERS
Enthusiastic

MARILYN PARK
Versatile

PHYLLIS PEARSON
Chatter-box

PEGGY PENROD
Bombastic

JOAN PROUGH
Artistic

GARNETT RAUCH
Complacent

RICHARD ROTH
Regular Fellow

BILL ROUSH
Unpredictable

VIRGIL SCHAEFER
Easy-Going

JOYCE SCHARLACH
Sincere

JO ANN SCHMOLL
Flirtatious

JAMES SHULTZ
"Admiral"

ANN SHOEMAKER
Controversial

CURTIS SPRUNGER
Agreeable

ANNA STEFFEN
Cute

SHERMAN STEFFEN
"Speed-king"

RICHARD STRAM
Amiable

FRANCES STURGEON
Precise

CAROLYN TEEPLE
Determined

BETTY THOMA
Accomplished

ROBERT TUTTLE
Deft

ELIZABETH WITZEMAN
Plucky

Memoirs (Continued)

forget Sherm Steffen's rendition of Billdad Tap, nor Curt Sprunger as Skeeter, gulping fishworms. Betty Thoma, Elizabeth Witzeman, Susanne Markley, and Marilyn Park were taken into the National Honor Society and Mary Avolyn Culver was made a member of Quill and Scroll. Bill Conner did not surprise us at all by going to the state algebra contest, and on Class Day received the coveted Bob Hannie Memorial, while Susanne Markley received the Psi Ote Ring. We finished this year by giving a Reception for the departing Seniors. The gym was transformed with myriads of apple blossoms, setting forth a typical "apple blossom time." Our class this year was under the able leadership of Dick Roth, president; Susanne Markley, vice president; Doris Brown, treasurer; Nondes Kipfer, secretary; Neil Harris, athletic council member.

At last the big year has arrived. We are Seniors. All class officers were re-elected with the exception of the athletic council member, which this year is Bill Conner. Once again in giving our class play we donned the grease paint and make-up and presented "The Fighting Littles" which was a huge success. Eight members of our class, Doris Brown, Bill Conner, Mary Avolyn Culver, Marcille Maller, Sally Foster, Dick Roth, Ann Shoemaker, and Nondes Kipfer were selected to the ranks in the National Honor Society. Betty Thoma, Marilyn Park, Sally Foster, and Nondes Kipfer were elected to the Quill and Scroll. A group of us in the fall went to Elmhurst High School to be on the Junior Town Meeting and in the spring another group of us represented Allen High on Around the City Desk. When we started ordering name cards, were measured

Memoirs (Continued)

for the caps and gowns, and mailed our commencement announcements, we knew that soon our high-school days at B. H. S. would be ending. But these thoughts were put aside with the graduation activities. First came the reliving of our childhood, Kid Day, and then the traditional reception given by the Juniors in our honor. The impressive Baccalaureate service made us realize that the end was near. And now we have reached the long-awaited time, Commencement. As we rise and move our gray tassels, there are sighs of relief and smiles. Among the tears and congratulations we realize that we have completed a milestone. But we are not sad. We are now men and women ready to take our ways among the crowded paths of life. What the future holds for us we know not. As for the past, it can never be forgotten. The friends we have made will always linger in our minds and later we will know that friendship was one of the greatest achievements of our high-school days.

Bill Blair and Marilyn Park look sophisticated as they admire their newly acquired diplomas.

K. P. Duty . . . Kid Day capers . . . (Below) High on a windy hill . . . Teeple sounds an S. O. S. . . . Caps and gowns must fit . . . Around the City Desk . . . . "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" . . . Put a nickel in the slot . . . Don't worry, Jim, "All's Well That Ends Well" . . . Oh, for a coke . . . "Sober sides!"

Juniors

1950

Row 1: Richard Adams, Opal Barr, Bertha Betz, Mary Alice Bowman, Max Brewer.

Row 2: Joyce Buckner, Shirley Camp, Donna Colbert, Jim Colen, Robert Compton.

Row 3: Bill Crandall, Kay Crosbie, Max Daniels, Martha Deam, Barbara Decker.

Row 4: James Dedrick, Joan Edris, Ralph Ellison, DeWayne Elston, Carol Faus.

Row 5: Joyce Felts, Richard French, Betsy Garrett, Barbara Garton, Caroline Gass.

Row 6: Gene Gilliom, Phyllis Harmon, Bob Helms, Mary Ann Herrberg, Mary Anne Heuer.

Row 7: Jack Hook, Barbara Huffman, Maxine Huss, Susie King, Janet Knoble.

Row 8: Dale Krinn, Bob Kyle, Donald Lockwood, Mary Jo Lounsbury, Marilyn Maddux.

Row 9: Dick Magley, Shirley Malcolm, Wayne Markley, Carl Mason, Arlene Mattax.

Row 10: Marion Meckstroth, Wendell Mertz, Colleen Messick, Gloria Miller, Jerry D. Miller.

Our Close Friends

Row 1: Jerry E. Miller, Patty Miller, Marjorie Moore, Carol Moser, Doris Moser.

Row 2: Geraldine Mounsey, Anna Louise Mygrant, Stanley Nash, Don Noonan, Doris Noonan.

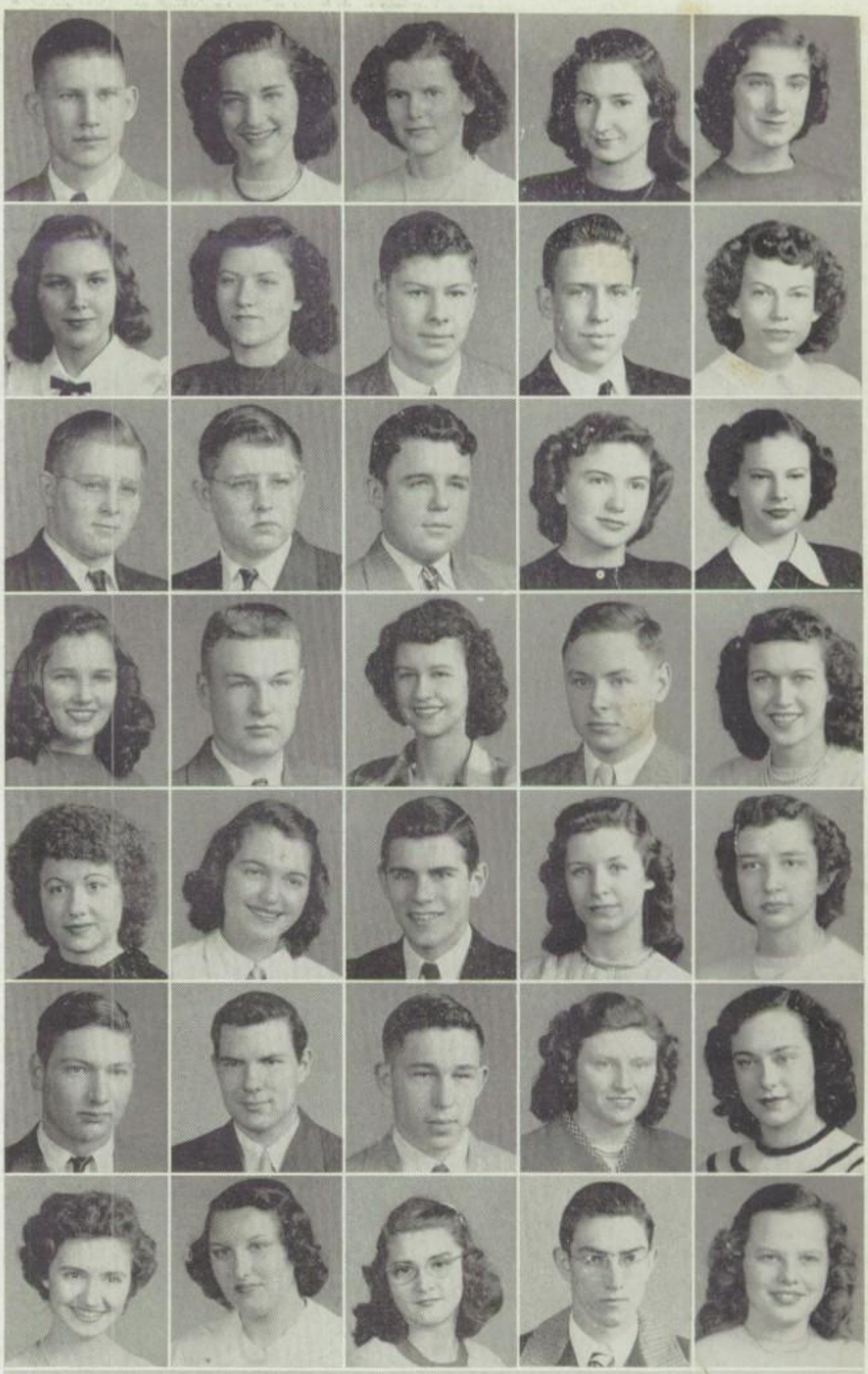
Row 3: Donald Oliver, Ronald Oliver, David Park, Pat Pettyjohn, Shirley Reed.

Row 4: Carolyn Rudy, George Schlagenhauf, Marilyn Schreiber, Bruce Sheets, Carolyn Sliger.

Row 5: Earlene Smith, Jean Snyder, Kent Speheger, Betty Sprunger, Evelyn Stoller.

Row 6: Darrell Stultz, Darrell Sutton, Paul Sweeny, Madlyn Van-Emon, Mary Lou Watters.

Row 7: Marcia Williams, Pauline Williams, Dorothy Witzeman, Jim Worster, Geraldine Worthman.

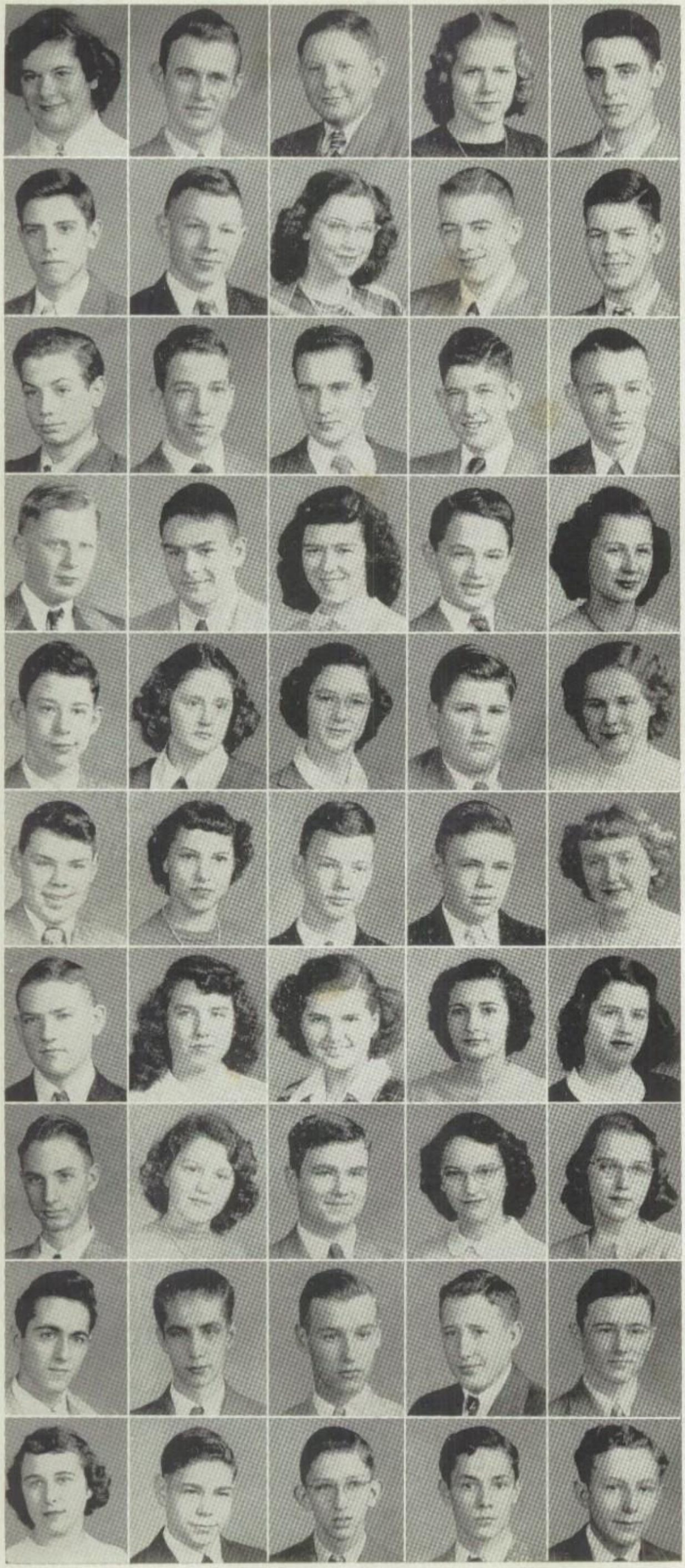


Finally, we can say we're upper classmen.

To raise funds, we had a Carnival Party and later sold "Tasty Jell." Then, just like true mystery lovers, we followed Charlie Chan to Hawaii to solve the case of "The House Without a Key." At the end of this busy year, we honored the Seniors with the traditional reception.

Our class sponsors are Mr. McNown, Miss Powers, and Mr. Bennett.

Rarin' to go are this year's Junior Class officers: Doris Moser, treasurer; Jerry D. Miller, President; Bruce Sheets, Athletic Council; Kay Crosbie, Vice-President; and Gerry Worthman, Secretary.



Sophomores

1951

Row 1: Bettie Andrews, Glen Arnold, James Bachelor, Nancy Baird, Edward Betz.

Row 2: Homer Betz, Charles Boltin, Barbara Bracht, Jerry Braun, Tom Cobb.

Row 3: Duayne Cobbum, Jim Costello, Kenneth Courtney, Jerry Crandall, Don Croy.

Row 4: George Dunwiddie, Kay Earhart, Ernestine Ferguson, Kenneth Fetters, Jean Fetzner.

Row 5: James Fitzpatrick, Betty Flowers, Doris Gilgen, Robert Gleim, Carolyn Grover.

Row 6: Bill Harris, Marilyn Harnish, James Harvey, Kenneth Hedges, Deni Hefty.

Row 7: John Helblig, Geraldine Herbst, Barbara Herrick, Janice Houchin, Cynthia Humphrey.

Row 8: Bill Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson, Rem Johnston, Marcia Jump, Alberta Keller.

Row 9: Charles Keller, Ed Kipfer, Jay Kipfer, Don Knox, Bill Langel

Row 10: Carolyn Maddux, Jerry Marshall, Don Meyer, Jim Meyer, John Meyer.

Our "Wise" Friends

Row 1: Robert Miller, Marilyn Moore, Bill Moser, Joe Mowery, Bob McCarty.

Row 2: Jim Niblick, Carolyn Noonan, Carol Ann O'Brien, Norma Park, Thomas Pfister.

Row 3: Patsy Reber, Arthur Reed, Shirley Reiff, Willadene Schaffer, Charles Smith.

Row 4: Norma Jean Smith, Rita Somers, Arlene Sowards, Clara Lou Steele, Flossie Steffen.

Row 5: Sharon Sutton, Evelyn Sweeny, Margaret Toms, Neah Trivus, Joyce Tyndall.

Row 6: Jack Uptgraft, Jerry Vaughn, Martha Warner, Don Wenger, Bill Wile.

Row 7: Doris Wilson, Richard Worthman.

For this our second year, there was seldom a livelier group than we. We held a party at the State Forest lodge during the Hallowe'en season where eats and dancing prevailed. Although our second year wasn't exactly what you would call a success financially—$2.02 in the treasury—it was one never to be forgotten.

Our sponsors are Mr. Ulmer, Miss Hunt, and Mr. Ratliff.

On a bicycle built for five these officers have "pedaled" their class to success. They are Jim Harvey, athletic council; Kenny Hedges, secretary; Kay Earhart, president; Neah Trivus, treasurer; Nancy Baird, vice-president.

Freshmen

1952

Row 1: Phyllis Albertson, Shirley Arnold, William Arnold, Donnie Athen, John Bercot.

Row 2: Dale Biberstine, Babette Boswell, Diann Brickley, Carl Brown, Tom Bulger.

Row 3: Helen Clanin, Nancy Clanin, Harold Clark, Garnett Cooper, Connie Costello.

Row 4: Margaret Craven, Jerry Croy, Sharon Curry, Margaret Davis, Dick DeArmond.

Row 5: Ann Elston, Dorothy Elzey, Lowell Elzey, Lester Faus, Joyce Fetters.

Row 6: Chad Fornshell, Susan Gallman, Max Gerber, Irene Gilliom, Richard Gilliom.

Row 7: James Gregg, James Grove, Carolyn Hammond, Kay Hefty, Ralph Heller.

Row 8: Clara Herrberg, Chad High, Tom Hockenberry, Marlene Holloway, Richard Holsinger.

Row 9: Bob Huss, Judy Irish, Hilda Kahn, Carolyn Keller, Doyle Keller.

Row 10: Patty Kiefer, Don Kipfer, James Kipfer, Junior Kipfer, Joe Knoble.

Row 11: Bill Kyle, Janene Lakey, Beverly Lautzenheiser, Sue Markley, Connie Miller.

Our New Friends

Row 1: Jean Miller, Mary Jane Minnich, Warren McBride, Betty McCarty, Richard McFarren

Row 2: Jerry McKee, James Niblick, Fred Nickel, Bessie Osborn, Richard Osborn

Row 3: Barbara Pearson, Barbara Phillabaum, Ted Santon, Kent Shady, Bill Shepard

Row 4: Ned Speheger, Nancy Sprague, Jo Ann Stogdill, Marjorie Sturgeon, Jo Ann Terhune.

Row 5: Victor Vore, Jerry Watters, Bob Wolfcale, Tom Woodard, Eva Zook.

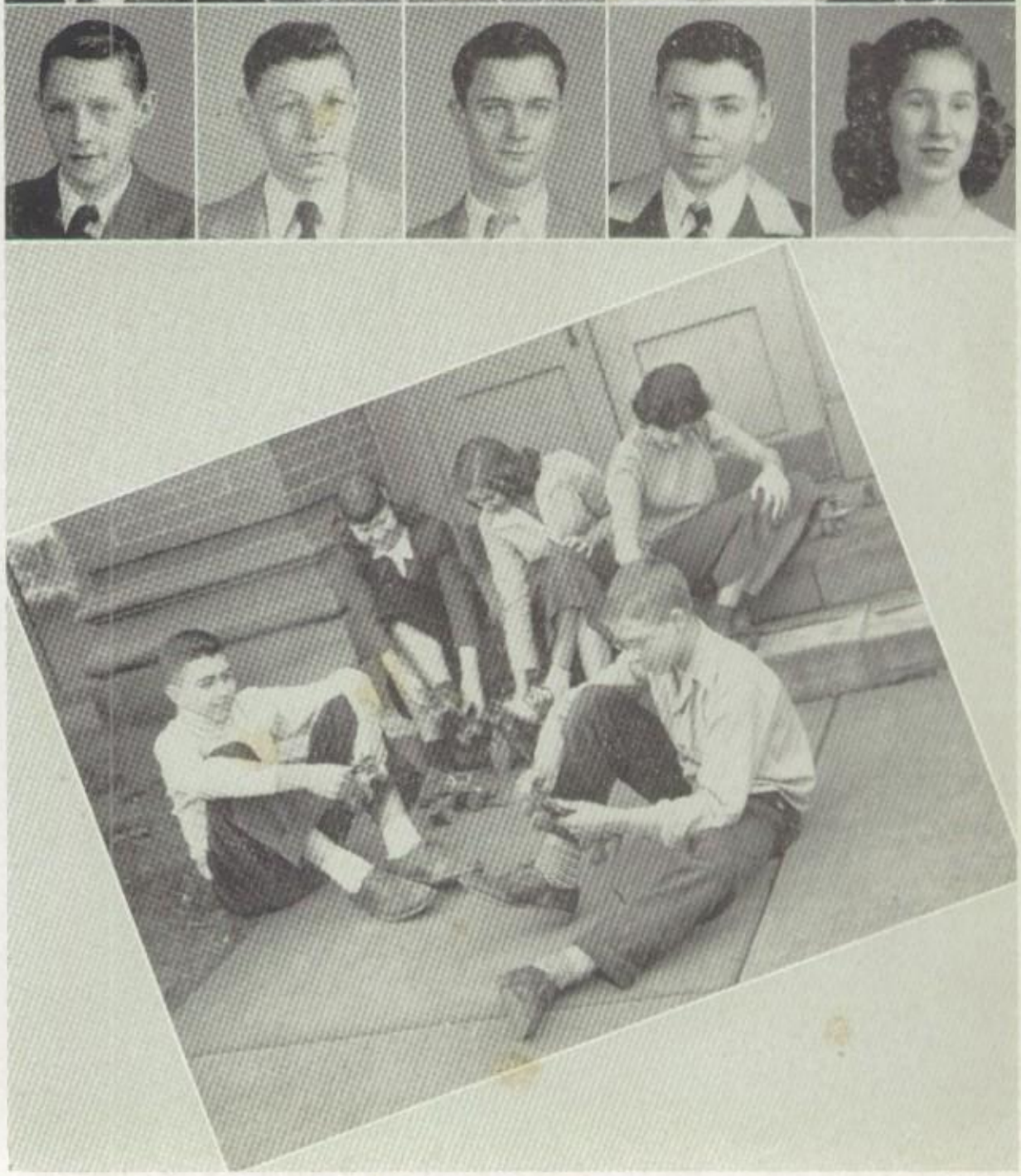
On the first day of our high-school career we all felt a little awed and dizzy when we saw the upperclassmen rushing to classes; however we soon regained confidence.

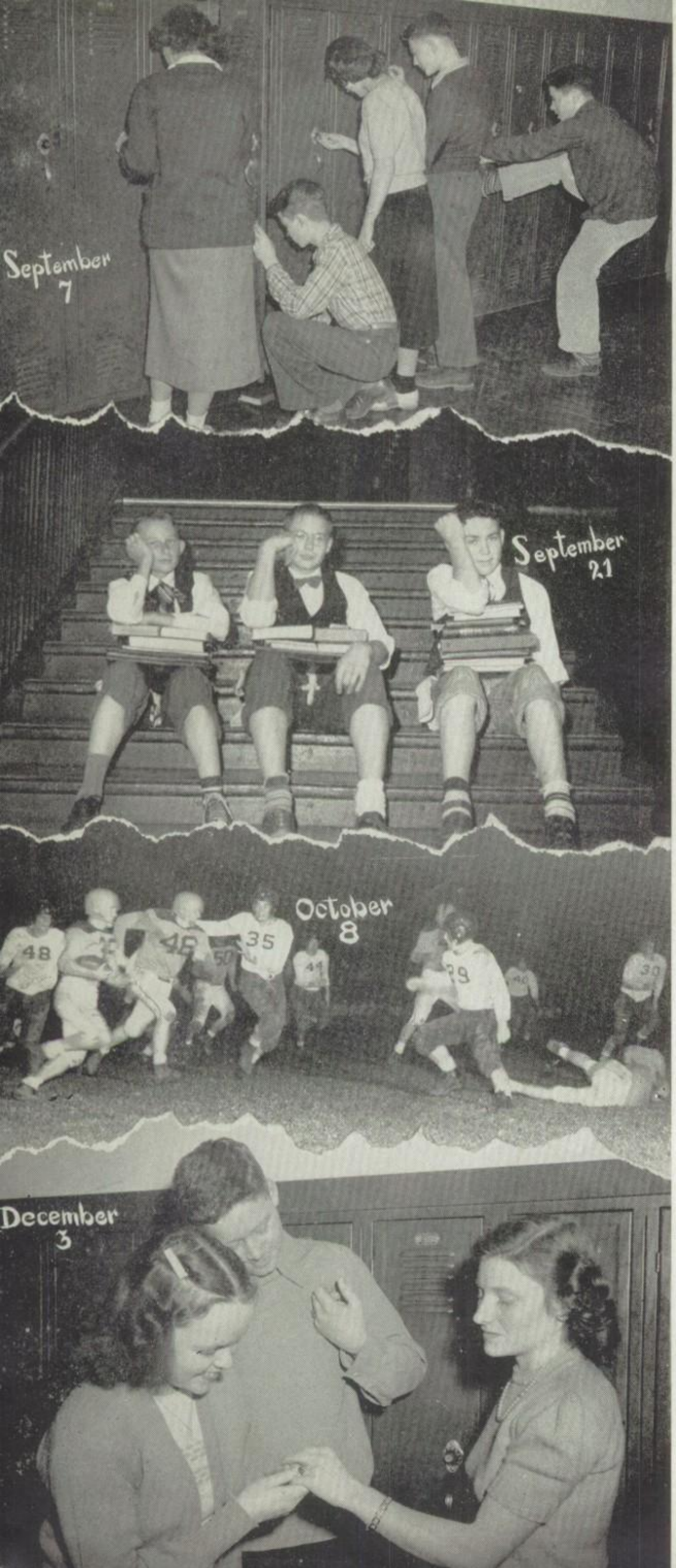
We had a class party at Hallowe'en time and a hay ride to the State Forest.

It was the week before the basketball games started that we got on our toes and began selling booster buttons. We made exactly $50. We think that's pretty good for us.

With the aid of our wonderful sponsors, Mr. Templin, Mr. Dubois, and Mr. Larmore, we have enjoyed every day of our "green year" of high school.

Smooth skating for the future was assured for the Freshmen Class when they chose Dick Gilliom, president; Jean Miller, treasurer; Sue Markley, vice president; Diann Brickley, secretary; and Bill Kyle, athletic council.





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September 7.
On this opening school day, the Freshmen found their lockers impenetrable, and the upper classmen discovered new faculty members.

September 14.
The Y-Teen formal initiation was made impressive by candlelight and angel robes.

September 18.
With a Decatur victory to our season's record, our Tigers donned their shoulder pads to meet the South Side Archers, only to be defeated in a hard-fought contest.

September 21.
Some students thought that all Bedlam had broken out, but the weird creatures in the halls were only long suffering Hi-Y initiates.

September 28.
Whee! Street Fair is here and we're off to the gaily lighted midway with a friend.

October 1.
Columbia City rooters saw their team bow in defeat to the victorious Bluffton squad.

October 8.
The Bluffton eleven again showed their ability to be rough and tough as they calmly left the Warsaw team in the dust.

October 26.
Backed by the Bluffton Tigers, Coach Dubois and Dick Bowman schemed to slaughter the Wabash gridders. Too bad they didn't succeed.

November 2.
The civics and economics classes held "Presidential" elections today. The Allen Poll proved to be more accurate than the Gallup Poll.

November 5.
The Seniors actually proved themselves to be sedate by presenting a more civilized production, "The Fighting Littles," than their Junior efforts.

November 10.
Today the members of the Booster Club selected Betty Sprunger, Gerry Worthman, Jean Miller, and Connie Costello as our 1949 yell leaders.

November 19.
The Columbia City Eagles were all a-flutter when the Tigers "defeathered" them in a close game on the C. C. floor.

December 3.
The Juniors take a day to "blind" B. H. S. students with their bright, new class rings.

December 6.
In convocation today Lieutenant F. C. Whittaker held the student body spellbound with his grim but humorous tale of his thirty days on a raft in the Pacific.

December 12.
Flickering candles and blending voices heralded the opening of the annual Christmas Cantata.

Happened

December 14.
We astounded the Huntington Vikings with our possessive form of basketball. We held them fifteen points below their average score of thirty-nine.

December 22.
The Baird Sisters tried to look noncommittal when the Winchester Yellow Jackets buzzed in to sting our Tigers.

January 1.
The Tigers lost the first game of the Blind Tourney to New Haven; however, their defeating Berne in the consolation game was some compensation.

January 7.
The spruce and pine of a "Winter Wonderland" furnished the setting for the Y-Teen Best-Beau Banquet.

January 24.
Swiftly we raced down our hardwood in an effort to beat mighty Kendallville. Might won over speed.

January 27.
One by one the twelve new members of the National Honor Society proudly took their places before the assembled school.

February 24, 25, 26.
In spite of the season's record, the Tigers pushed their way to the Sectional finals for the first time in six years, only to be defeated by the eely Lancaster Central team.

March 18.
The Juniors presented "A House Without a Key" and held a capacity audience enthralled with this mystery comedy in a new and unusual setting.

April 8.
The music department spread sunshine through the showers with the best festival yet, whether you like the city or "Country Style."

April 29.
The "best girls" enjoyed the annual banquet with their Hi-Y fellows.

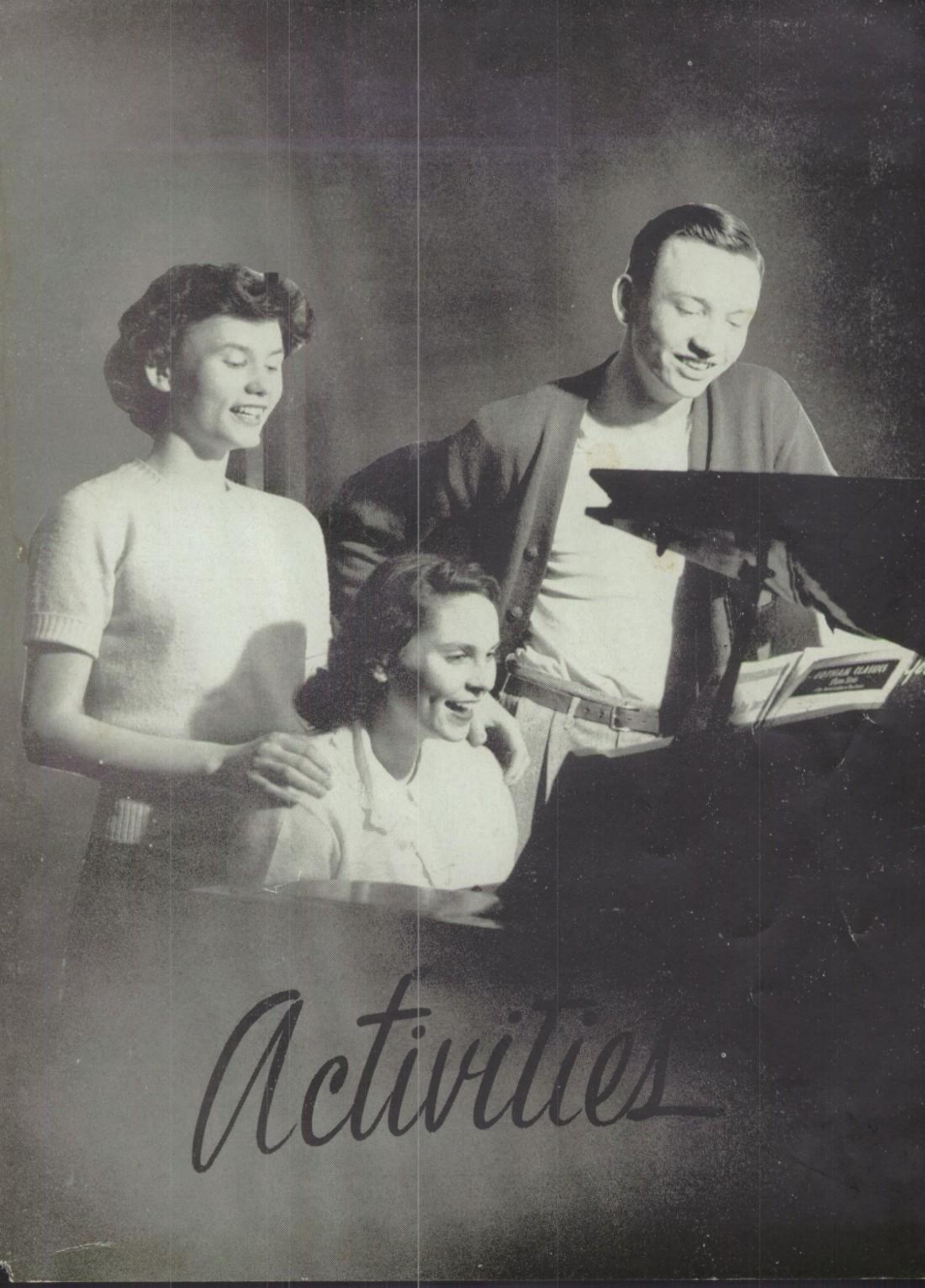
May 6.
The Y-Teen Mother-Daughter Tea proved that all sweethearts aren't boys.

May 20.
The Juniors demonstrated their resourcefulness by giving a really spectacular reception for the Seniors.

May 22.
Laughter ceased and smiles subsided as we became aware of the seriousness of the Baccalaureate ceremony.

May 24.
Class day means awards, bequests, and glances through the crystal ball of time.

May 25.
A gray tassel moved from left to right. Then we heard the words, "You are now alumni of Allen High," and we realized that the tassel was symbolic of the end and the beginning.

Top to Bottom: Ladies of the "Round Table"—Ahem . . . Don't let that studious look on Arlene's and Maggie's faces fool you . . . What you don't get with a new car these days! . . . Oh, to be a carefree Frosh—again . . . The long and the short of the '50's . . . Fitz—the dictionary kid . . . Stan and Pat—need we say more . . . Romeo French charms the lassies at class play practice . . . What Diann won't do to get in a picture . . . Hang on gals—he's the only Soph letterman.

Activities

Retrospect

As the Retrospect grew page by page, the staff found that publishing a year book was no simple matter. On each page had to be placed an accurate account of the past school year. This record had to recall memories of the 1948-1949 school year to those who participated—now as well as twenty years from now. Looking to Miss Karns, our yearbook adviser, and Mr. Montague, the representative of our engravers, Betty Thoma and Marilyn Park faced the task which confronted them and acquired "deadline" as a popular word in their vocabulary.

When the write-ups, full of "punch," began piling up to be checked, it was well known that Sally Foster and her assistants had been constantly on the job. All business matters were efficiently taken care of by Nondes Kipfer and Bill Conner. Finally after the copy went to press, the staff took time to breathe again and realized what valuable experience and worthwhile friends they had gained while planning and editing the 1949 Retrospect.

Top left—Assistant literary editors: Jim Shultz, Carolyn Teeple, and David Huffman, and art editor Joan Prough.
Top right—Major staff: Betty Thoma, Marilyn Park, Bill Conner, Nondes Kipfer, and Sally Foster.
Feature editors: Janelle Buckner and Doris Brown and calendar editors Peggy Campbell and Mary Avolyn Culver.
Sports editors: Jack Irey, Bill Ireland, and Dick Roth.
Typists: Marilyn Markley, Elizabeth Witzeman, Patty Moser, and Patty Crosbie.

Comet

The monthly Comet is an institution in B. H. S. From its columns, information of school events and future material are read and enjoyed by its readers. The staff has had invaluable experience in writing and preparing the paper for the press.

Heading the staff of the "Comet" this year is editor-in-chief Marilyn Schreiber, whose job it is to assign the staff various news items and keep the paper and its staff on their toes. Mary Avolyn Culver is back again this year as a feature editor. Her fellow writers of sparkling feature material are Betty Sprunger, Gerry Worthman, and Carol Moser. The news department is aptly taken care of by Joyce Buckner and Jim Schultz. Those readers who are interested in sports enjoy the snappy sports articles by Rem Johnston. The reporters are the unsung heroes of the day; by their diligent and thorough reporting, many news stories of merit have been written. Carol Faus heads the business staff, which performs those essential services of ad soliciting and circulation.

Top: Rem Johnston, Jim Shultz, Wayne Elzy, Gloria Miller, Marilyn Schreiber.

Sharon Sutton, Neah Trivus, Joyce Buckner, Carol Moser.

Mary Jo Lounsbury, Mary Lou Watters, Shirley Reed, Susie King.

Carol Faus, Diann Brickley, Joyce Fetters, Nancy Sprague.

Row 1: Betty Thoma, Marilyn Schreiber.

Row 2: Mary Culver, Marilyn Park, Sally Foster, Nondes Kipfer.

Quill and Scroll

The newly elected members of the Quill and Scroll met at the home of Mary Avolyn Culver, the only remaining member. After a delicious dinner they retired to the drawing room for the candlelight initiation service. Each new member received his pin, the badge of the organization; the quill in the design is symbolic of the permanence of good writing. On these journalists now rests the responsibility for carrying out the ideals of Quill and Scroll.—By MARY AVOLYN CULVER.

National Honor Society

The previously elected members of the society were on hand that tense morning in January to induct the new members.

One after another the names were called. As though a bolt of lightning had stunned their senses—the Seniors-elect, and the Juniors-elect, made their way to the empty chairs on the stage. The new members then stood and repeated the pledge to uphold the high purpose of this society to which they had been elected—to strive in every way possible to carry out the ideals of this national organization.—By DAVE HUFFMAN.

Kneeling: Bill Conner, Dick Roth, Jerry D. Miller.

Standing: Donna Colbert, Ann Shoemaker, Joan Edris, Mary Culver, Nondes Kipfer, Marilyn Park, Susanne Markley, Sally Foster, Betty Thoma, Elizabeth Witzeman.

Sitting on rock: Marcille Maller, Doris Brown.

Lower left — Marion Meckstroth, president; (top to bottom, left) Witzeman, Edris, Moser, Keller, Huss, Rudy, Campbell, Pettyjohn, (right) Miss Blanche Karns, adviser; Stoller, Gass, Huffman, King, Heuer, Moser, Mattax, Worthman, and Maddux.

Latin Club

The "Sodalitas Latina" was reorganized in January by the students of the advanced Latin class. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the home of one of its members. Its purpose is social and educational; the members give talks on Roman customs and have fun singing Latin songs, working out Latin riddles and showing that Latin really lives in our English language today.

Math Club

The "Arc of Alpha" is the name chosen for the newly organized Math Club. Students who have completed one year of high-school mathematics and are currently enrolled in a math course are eligible to membership in this club. Its aims are to increase skills in mathematics, to create a love of math subjects, and to understand the importance of mathematics in everyday living.

Left (front to back)

Row 1: Sprunger, N. Park, Trivus· Sutton, M. Park, Foster.

Row 2: Croy, Culver, Niblick, Campbell, Teeple (president), French.

Row 3: Fitzpatrick, Harvey, Johnston, Kyle, D. Park, Daniels.

Row 4: Boltin, Wile, Bachelor, Sheets, Meyer, Mr. Hamblen, adviser.

Row 5: Miller, Lounsbury, Buckner, Reed, Pfister.

Upper (left): Billdad (Sherman Steffen) tries to force his daughter Catalpa (Polly Croy) to give up her pay check.

Lower (left): Skeeter (Curtis Sprunger), Catalpa, and Betsy (Sally Foster) peer suspiciously as Ma Brannigan (Marilyn Park) welcomes Kingston Campbell (Dick Bowman) and his mother, Mrs. Campbell (Mary Culver) in hill-billy style.

Upper (right): Kingston, Skeeter, and Catalpa look on while Betsy tries to revive Mrs. Campbell from her faint. Mr. Cyrus Scudder (Bill Conner) holds the lady's hand.

Lower (right): Jeff Scudder (Jack McAfee) and Kay Brannigan (Susanne Markley) demonstrate that "All's Well That Ends Well."

"The Campbells are Coming"

"Woe is me" was practically a worn-out phrase by the time our Junior Class Play was ready for the big night of March 19. Our worries of ticket troubles, illness among the cast, and bad weather had us feeling mighty low. However, we showed our determination and pushed our way to the footlights. Our efforts proved not in vain, for when the applause had resounded and the final curtain had fallen, we knew we had achieved our goal.

The play itself was a humor-packed comedy about a Main Street family turning hill-billy overnight so as to repress a prospective stuffed-shirt son-in-law.

But perhaps the most important element in helping us attain our achievement was the warmth and lightness of old and new friendships we had found.

"The Fighting Littles"

On November 5, 1948, the Senior Class of B. H. S. presented their last class play. It was a fast moving 3-act comedy, "The Fighting Littles," written by Caroline Franche. The play centered around the hot-tempered Mr. Little, who tried so hard to understand his teen-aged daughter, Goody; and Goody, in turn, tried to understand her hot-tempered father. He believed that all of Goody's friends were "young hoodlums," and Ham Ellers, whom Goody liked very much, was the "worst young hoodlum of the lot."

Upper left: Ham (Neil Harris) and Henriette (Betty Thoma) tantalize Goody (Sally Foster).
Upper center: Mr. Little (Samuel Meyers) and Olita (Ann Shoemaker) stand aghast as Ham catches the fainting Filmer (Curtis Sprunger).
Upper right: Dickie (Jack McAfee) invites Antoinette (Polly Croy) and Filmer to go for a joy ride.

Lower left: The voice of Mr. Little off stage brings terror to Olita, Filmer and Almatina (Peggy Campbell).
Lower right: Miss Pologo (Mary Culver) casts her spell upon Cookoo (Marcille Maller), Screwball (Doris Brown), and Mrs. Harpeddle (Marilyn Markley).

Bottom Row: Hook, Gilliom, Steffen, J. D. Miller, Moser, Bowman, Ferguson, Meckstroth, Speheger, Harris, J. E. Miller, Bauman, Sprunger, Nash, Cobb, Boltin, McCarty, Brewer, Irey.
Second Row: Sheets, Crosbie, French, Magley, McAfee, Guiler, Worthman, Stram, Schlagenhauf, Myers, Ireland, Roth, Wenger, Harvey, Krinn, Earhart, Conner, Mr. Ulmer.
Third Row: Markley, Wile, J. Crandall, Fitzpatrick, Hedges, Colen, Smith, Crandall, Park, Mertz, Elzey, Costello, Uptgraft, Johnston, Meyer, Reed, Fetters, Croy, Bachelor.

Bottom Row: Hook, Gilliom, J. D. Miller, Moser, Bowman, Ferguson, Meckstroth, Speheger, J. E. Miller, Sprunger, Nash, Cobb, Boltin, McCarty, Brewer.
Second Row: Crosbie, French, Magley, McAfee, Guiler, Worthman, Stram, Harris, Myers, Ireland, Roth, Wenger, Harvey, Krinn, Earhart.
Third Row: Wile, Fitzpatrick, Hedges, Mertz, Colen, Crandall, Park, Steffen, Smith, Costello, Uptgraft, Johnston, Meyer, Reed, Bachelor.

Hi-Y

With Mr. Ulmer's familiar words, "Let's have some order," the Hi-Y Club got off to a good start this year. With Curt Sprunger as our president, ably assisted by Bill Conner as vice-president, Kay Crosbie as secretary, Dick French as treasurer, and Marion Meckstroth as sergeant-at-arms, we had our first meeting on September 20.

For entertainment at our meetings this year we had able speakers, movies, our annual gym session, and a swim party at the Huntington Y. M. C. A.

Our chorus again put on some nice programs this year and also did their share to help with the success of the "Spring Festival."

As our projects for this year we purchased a new French horn for the band, and we are planning to equip a room in the new addition to the Wells County Hospital.

Bluffton as usual had a very large turn out for the district meetings of the clubs.

To close out the year's activities we put all our efforts in one big drive and sponsored our annual "Best-Girl Banquet" with all its usual pomp and splendor.—By NEIL HARRIS.

Y-Teens

Another school year has gone and with it the memories of every other Monday night in our Alma Mater, attending Y-Teen meetings. Quite a variety of programs were presented on these nights, ranging from a swimming party at the Y. M. C. A. in Huntington, to an evening of music furnished by the Hi-Y chorus, and inspiring talks by Dwight Gallivan, Rev. Paulen, and Mrs. Glenn Marsh.

Of course we can not forget our annual Best-Beau Banquet, which was held on January 7 in a beautiful "Winter Wonderland." Our Mother's Day Tea was held at the close of the school year when our officers for the past year, Susanne Markley, president; Patty Miller, vice-president; Carolyn Gass, treasurer; and Clara Lou Steele, secretary, gave their posts over to the newly elected officers.

We ended our '48-'49 year, sad because it was over but wiser and happier in our newfound friendships and in appreciation for our faithful sponsor, Miss Huffman.—By SUSANNE MARKLEY.

Row 1: Maller, Schmoll, O'Brien, F. Steffen, N. Park, Trivus, Tyndall, Steele, Sliger, Miss Huffman, sponsor, Messick, C. Noonan, Snyder, Teeple, Thoma, M. Park, E. Witzeman, Rauch.
Row 2: Penrod, Sutton, D. Noonan, Mygrant, Malcolm, C. Moser, Reber, Mattax, M. Markley, Stoller, Worthman, Pettyjohn, Sowards, Prough, Mowery, Reiff, P. Miller, Wilson, A. Steffen, Scharlach.
Row 3: Van Emon, Shoemaker, Sprunger, Watters, Somers, D. Witzeman, Schreiber, Rudy, G. Miller, M. Williams, Smith, Mounsey, Reed, Shaffer, Warner, Toms, P. Williams.
Row 1: Garrett, Edris, Flesher, Keller, Camp, Harmon, Betz, Campbell, Croy, Crosbie, Foster, Grover, N. Baird, Humphery, Kipfer, M. Maddux, Lounsbury, M. Huss, Herrberg.
Row 2: Andrews, Gilgen, Adams, Culver, Herrick, Garton, Bowman, Coverdale, Biddle, Buckner, B. Gass, Huffman, Buckner, Decker, Heuer, S. Markley, Gilliom, C. Maddux, A. Keller, I. Baird.
Row 3: Colbert, Johnson, Bracht, Archbold, Faus, Felts, Hefty, P. Markley, Flowers, Haines, C. Gass, Herbst, Arnold, Carnall, Boswell, Harnish, Jump, Houchin, Ferguson, Brown.

Standing: Dick Roth, president.

Around the tables (left to right) Lester Faus, Victor Vore, Joe Knoble, Marilyn Park, Betty Thoma, Curtis Sprunger, Dick Gilliom, Marilyn Schreiber, Betty Sprunger, Jim Niblick, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dee Jamison, Kay Earhart, Dick Stram, Rem Johnston, Bill Conner, Bob Kyle, Jerry Miller, Susanne Markley, Carol Faus, Elizabeth Witzeman.

Student Council

The Student Council exemplifies the democratic and helpful spirit of B. H. S. The Council strives to improve the school routine and to help solve the problems of the student body. The members are composed of an elected representative from each home room, the president of the Hi-Y, of the Y-Teen, of the National Honor Society, of the Girls Athletic Association, the editors-in-chief of both the Comet and the Retrospect, and the presidents of all four classes.

The Council officers are President Dick Roth and Secretary Susanne Markley. Both have done efficient work in carrying out the various functions of their offices. Mr. Park has given invaluable aid to the Council.

This year the Council's main project was the sponsoring of an aid program for the children of Bremen, Germany. Bremen suffered the full shock of the war; thus, books, art materials, athletic goods, and other school supplies were gathered for the schools of this German city.

The past and the future of our Student Council is bright. It has proved that the students of a school can help to plan their school life in the democratic way.

The Agriculture Department

The Agriculture Department has a four-fold program to carry out: it comprises regular school studies, 4-H club projects, judging teams and an F. F. A. club enterprise.

In addition to regular school work the students enrolled in the agriculture course have made several field trips and attended the International Livestock Show at Chicago. Several boys entered state and district contests at the Indiana State Fair and at Purdue University, where they participated in crops and vegetable judging. Plans are now in progress to add poultry and egg judging next year.

This year Mr. Wentz, the agriculture teacher, reorganized a chapter of the Future Farmers of America for the boys of his department. Several members attended a district F F A meeting held at Swayzee, Indiana. Max Brewer and George Schlagenhauf were elected to represent the Bluffton chapter at the State F F A convention to Purdue University. These future farmers are putting into practice the theories of their club: they have rented a twenty-seven acre farm on Indiana State Highway No. 1 and are intending to put it out in corn and beans.

The summer 4-H club camp was held on four chilly days from June 7 to June 10. The 4-H Club girls participated in this camp and were later taken by their club leader, Miss Jacqueline Huffman, to the 4-H State Round-up at Purdue University.

Four outstanding awards were received by the 4-H Club members at this year's Street Fair. Dale Krinn had the Grand Champion 4-H gilt; Don Athan had the Grand Champion 4-H pen of three ewe lambs; Tom Pfister had Sweepstakes 4-H tomatoes; and Caroline Gass won the best girl showmanship in 4-H cattle.

This department with its varied practical training in everyday life on the farm is developing some really worthwhile Future Farmers for America.—By BRUCE SHEETS.

Top: George Schlagenhauf, Bill Johnson, Dale Krinn, Carl Mason, Max Brewer, and Wayne Markley attended the 4-H State Round-up at Purdue.
Bottom: Don Wenger, Jay Kipfer, George Schlagenhauf, Max Brewer, Carl Mason, George Dunwiddie, and the 4-H leader, Mr. Ralph Wentz in a conference session.
Top: Robert Gleim, Wayne Markley, Max Brewer, Marion Meckstroth, Dale Krinn, Tom Pfister, Jay Kipfer, Paul Sweeney, Don Wenger, Bill Langel and Don Athan are judging vegetables.
Bottom: Caroline Gass standing beside her Ayrshire heifer which she entered in one of the cattle shows.

First Row: Harris, Adams, Colbert, Fetters, Felts, S. Markley.
Second Row: Boltin, Johnson, E. Ferguson, Stogdill, Brewer, Shaffer, Harnish, Athan, Mertz.
Third Row: Davis, Gallman, Herrberg, Niblick, Reed, Wile, McAfee, Bachelor, Elzey, Kipfer, Waters, Mason, Pearson, Miller, Hammond, Steele.
Fourth Row—(Seated): Conner, R. Brown, C. Brown, W. Markley, Ferguson. (Standing)—McKee, Harvey, Elston, Keller, Gilliom, Mr. J. Robert Schlatter.

Band

Yes sir! This is "our" band.

When we see them marching up and down the gridiron or when they march out onto the basketball floor, from the magical "B" and play our school song, "Black and Crimson," we are surely proud to say, "That Is Our Band."

Under the very capable leadership of our new band instructor, Mr. Schlatter, with the help of our drum majorette, Joyce Felts, the band was able to do many maneuvers on the field and hardwood floor. The band formed a turkey at Thanksgiving and played "Turkey in the Straw"; they also made a Christmas tree at Christmas time and joyfully struck up the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The band played many popular songs at the games, such as "Hair of Gold," "Big Brass Band from Brazil" and "Winter Wonderland." Whenever they played "Charlotte Harbor Stomp," everybody liked it so much they just had to keep time by clapping their hands. The band experienced something different at some of the ball games; it was the directing of the band by one of the members. The student director was Neil Harris, who is the president of the organization.

The band journeyed to Hartford City and along with many other bands entered in the state contest.

A Spring Band Concert was presented on April 24. In conjunction with the Glee Club and the Hi-Y Chorus they presented a Spring Festival on April 8.

Yes sir! This is "our" Band and we're proud of it!

By JACK McAFEE

Orchestra

Friendship means harmony, and harmony is the real key note for the thirty members of our orchestra. The nine new musicians have filled vacancies to keep the chord complete.

Led by Mr. Schlatter, the orchestra personnel is becoming well traveled in the world of music. They may start with Schubert's *Serenade,* Sordillo's *Spirit of Youth,* or De Lamater's *At the Opera;* then they improve the Good Neighbor Policy with the gay *Fiesta.* They might speed northward with the *Russian Choral and Overture* by Isaac. *The Silken Fan* can waft them to the Orient, and the crash of cymbals takes them to the snow-capped heights of *Fujiyama.*

Although this year's orchestra was handicapped by the small number of strings, the difficulty was overcome by the use of clarinets in the lower violin parts.

The orchestra had its chance to show what practice and co-ordination can do when it played during the class play intermissions. The musicians pleased not only the ear but the eye as well when the members appeared in dress suits and formals.

Another of the season's highlights for many of the members was the District Solo and Ensemble Contest. This contest gave individuals a chance to see how their playing was rated by expert judges.

Although this year of music is now ended, we remember it with pleasure; and somewhere in the back of our heads the melodies linger on.

By MARY AVOLYN CULVER

First Row: Gilliom, Nickel, Fetters, Hook, Judd.
Second Row—Lautzenheiser, Reid, Gallman, Davis, Boltin, Colbert, Mason, B. Pearson, Steele.
Third Row: Niblick, Reed, Wile, Stogdill, Shaffer, P. Pearson, Kipfer, Walters, Brown, Ferguson.
Fourth Row: Harvey, McKee, Conner, Brown, Director Robert Schlatter, Sutton.

Girl's Glee Club

The clapping and stomping that you may have heard was not coming from the gymnasium, but the music room. The Girls' Glee Club was singing out with "Country Style," a new and favorite piece of the Glee Club.

The sixty-five girls that compose the Glee Club, under the dreiction of Mrs. Olive Grimsley, have presented several programs throughout the year to the Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Tri Kappa.

In December we presented our annual Christmas concert with the aid of the Hi-Y Chorus and the Junior-High School students at the Methodist church.

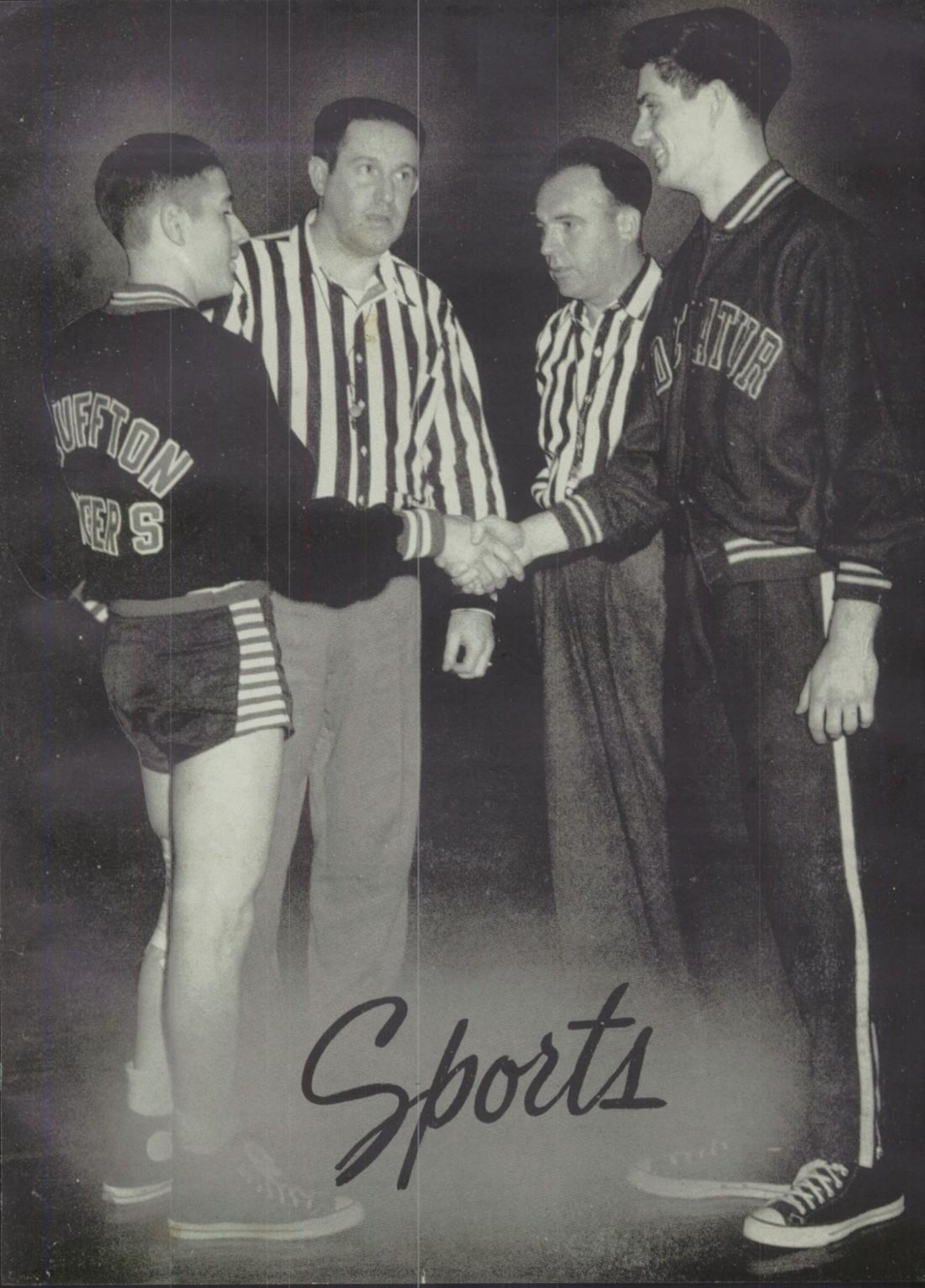
With the turn of spring came our music festival; then at the close of the year we furnished music for baccalaureate and commencement.

The past few years the Glee Club has bought tickets for the Philharmonic Orchestra at Fort Wayne with money taken from the treasury. This year ten tickets were purchased in order that every member of the Glee Club could attend one of the concerts.

We give three cheers to our officers: Evelyn Arnold, President; Evelyn Stoller, Vice President; and Betsy Garrett, Secretary-Treasurer, who have helped to make this year a successful one. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Grimsley for her excellent directing and the time and patience she has given to the Glee Club to make it another successful year.

By MARCILLE MALLER

Row 1: Croy, Witzeman, Lounsbury, McCarty, Mesick, Mattax, Pettyjohn, Arnold, Brickley, Miller, Sprague, Schreiber, Teeple, Park, Maller.
Row 2: Garrett, D. Moser, Craven, Sprunger, Edris, Curry, Keller, Holloway, Lautzenheiser, Camp, Williams, Snyder, Reiff, Gilliom, Sutton, Van Emon.
Row 3: M. Sturgeon, Phillabaum, Elston, Boswell, Kiefer, Noonan, Gilliom, Costello, Rudy, Heuer, C. Moser, Baird, Thoma, Crosbie, Schmoll.
Row 4: Terhune, S. Markley, Gass, Huffman, Garton, Culver, Buckner, King, Mrs. Grimsley, F. Sturgeon, M. Markley, Stoller, Worthman, Foster, Zook, Faus.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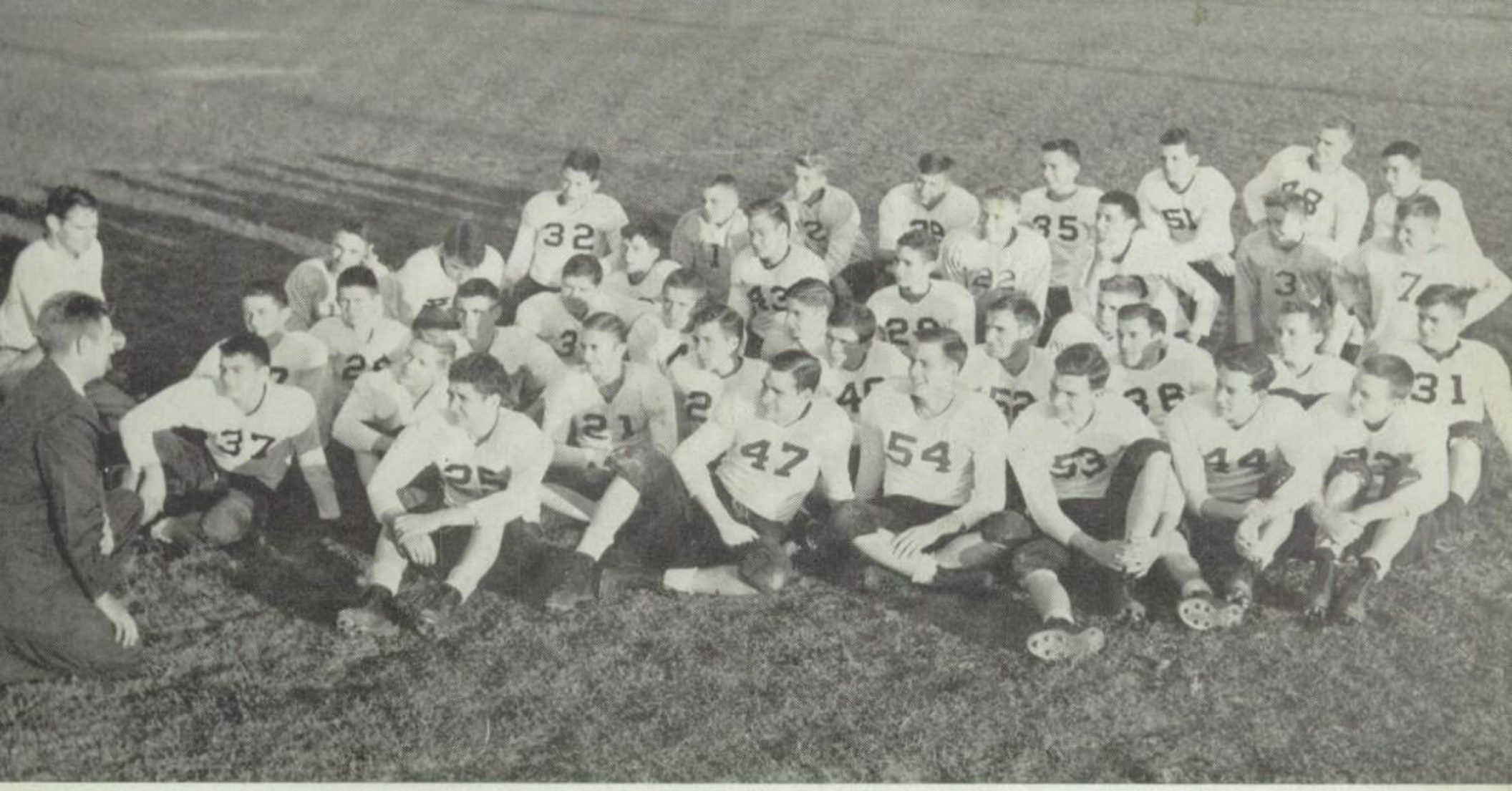

Row 1: Coach Dubois, Sprunger, Ireland, Bowman, Harris, Bauman, Stram.
Row 2: Earhart, Kyle, Schaefer, Irey, McAdams, Jamison, Steffen, McCarty, Johnston.
Row 3: Assistant Coach Smith, Gilliom, Miller, Speheger, Nash, Krinn, Moser, Meyer, Hedges.
Row 4: Johnson, Park, Worthman, Dedrick, French, Magley, Knox, Bachelor.
Row 5: Fitzpatrick, Braun, Costello, Stultz, Markley, Day, Roush, Edington.

Football

Coach Dubois built his 1948 Bluffton Tiger football squad around twelve returning senior lettermen and several promising underclassmen. Mr. Dubois, with the aid of Assistant Coach Joe Smith, began practice on August 16 to get his charges in shape for the Decatur game on the opening day of school.

By virtue of four NEIC wins against only two losses, the Bluffton squad placed second in the loop behind co-champs Auburn and Warsaw. The Tigers finished the season with a record of five wins and four losses against all opposition.

Playing host to Decatur in the opener, the Tigers eked out a 6 to 0 victory in a hard fought defensive game. A Decatur fumble on the kick-off led to a Tiger touchdown on the first scrimmage play of the game. We then entertained New Haven and displaying our best offensive form of the season, trounced the Bulldogs by a score of 39 to 0.

The Tigers traveled to South Side, Fort Wayne's eventual City Series Champs, and finding the Archer reserve power too strong, found themselves on the snort end of a 20 to 6 score at the end of a bruising game.

The Bluffton squad then took on the Auburn Red Devils, and before a home crowd played their best game of the season only to lose, 6 to 0. A Bluffton fumble deep in their own territory in the third quarter set up the lone touchdown of the game.

We then played host to the Columbia City Eagles, who fell victim to the Tigers, with the score of 18 to 12 against them. Dick Edington pitched a last minute touchdown pass to Melvin Day, who crossed the goal-line unmolested. Edington calmly booted the winning point.

The Tigers lost the next home game to the Warsaw Tigers, and although playing a good game, found the Warsaw offensive too

Upper left: An unidentified Tiger gets a perfect block as Edington (29) leads the way for an around end play.
Upper right: Edington (29) prepares to tackle a Wabash back as Ireland (47) cames up from the rear.
Bottom: The Wabash quarterback slips through the Tigers line on a quick opening play as Harris (53), Ireland (47), Jamison (52), Markley (35), prepare to converge.

much to handle, and the other Tiger outfit proved victorious, 19 to 0.

Traveling to Garrett, the Tigers outplayed the Railroaders in an aerial contest and won, 20 to 13.

Visiting Portland, the Tigers gave promise of a good showing next year when the reserves took over in the latter part of the game and scored two touchdowns against the Panther varsity. The Tigers won, 31 to 0.

In the final game of the season, the Tigers entertained the Wabash Apaches and although scoring two touchdowns in the last four minutes of play and almost cashing in again a third time, the Tigers fell by a score of 20 to 13. This was the last game for seventeen Seniors.

At the season's finish, Melvin Day, regular left halfback, was elected captain for the season.

Football Managers

The Bluffton Tiger athletes were in capable hands this year and were amply supplied with liniment, tape, equipment, and an occasional rubdown. Here the managers are shown inspecting the Tiger football outfits.

Standing, left to right: Jim Harvey, Wendell Mertz, and Bill Blair.

On ladder: Victor Vore.

Football Lettermen

Row 1:

Dick Edington
Quarterback

Row 2:

Curtis Sprunger
Guard

Bill Ireland
Guard

Dick Roth
End

Bill Roush
Halfback

Roger McAdams
Fullback

Row 3:

Sherman Steffen
Guard

Dale Krinn
Tackle

Gene Gilliom
Quarterback

Dick Bowman
Tackle

Row 4:

Jack Irey
Fullback

Melvin Day
Halfback

Kent Speheger
Guard

Neil Harris
End

Jim Markley
End

Row 5:

Stanley Nash
End

Kay Bauman
Center

Dee Jamison
Tackle

Jerry Miller
Center

Darrell Stultz
Tackle

Dick Stram
End

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40
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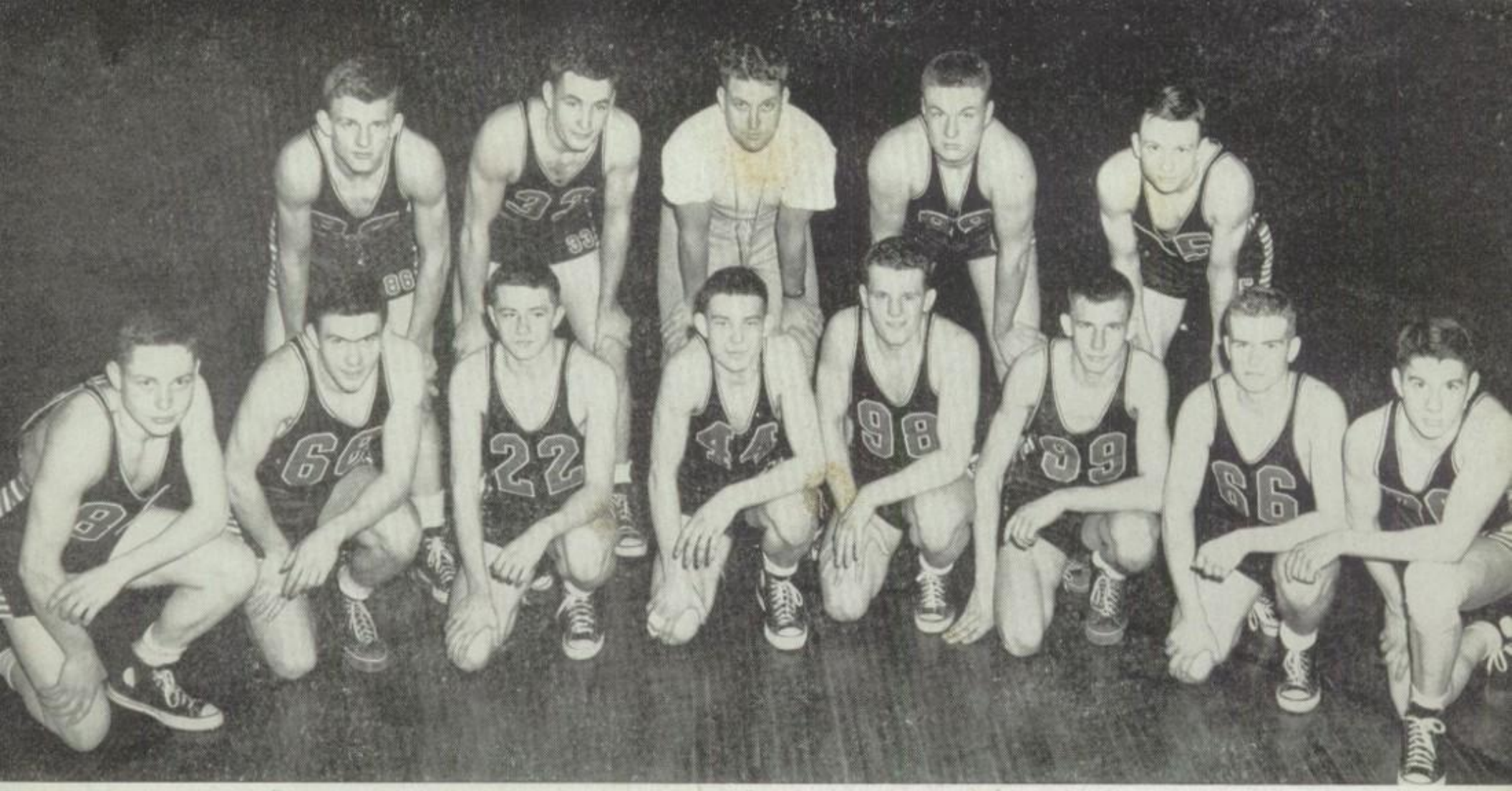


Kneeling: Max Brewer, Roger McAdams, Gene Gilliom, Richard Worthman, Melvin Day, Bob Compton, Wendell Mertz, Bill Blair.
Standing: Don Lockwood, Dee Jamison, Coach Dubois, George Schlagenhauf, Dick Stram.

Basketball

Coach Dubois, with only two returning lettermen, was faced with the task of completely building the basketball team. The team consisted of four Seniors, six Juniors, and one Sophomore.

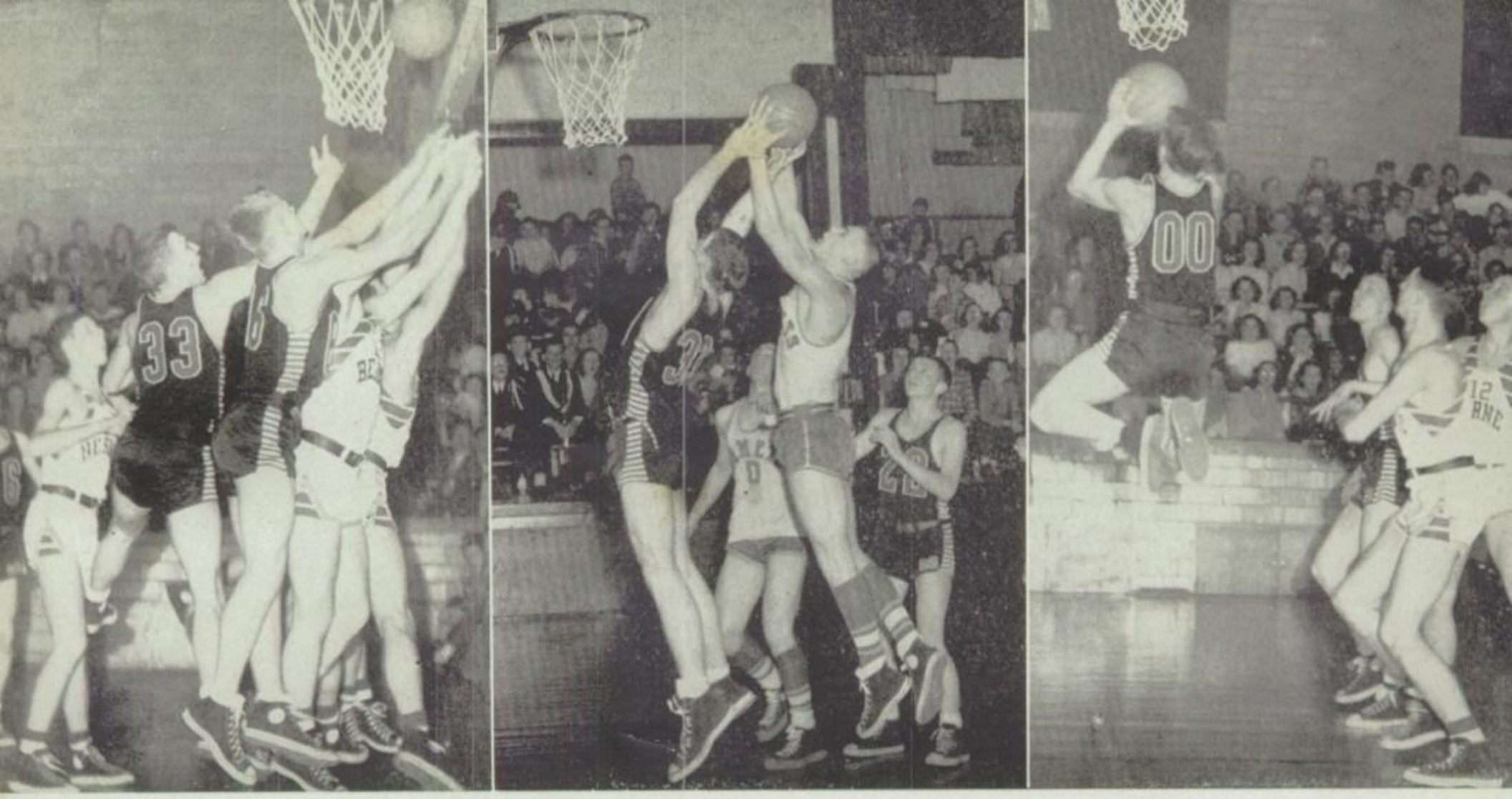
For their opening game the Tigers traveled to Portland and met a more experienced Panther squad. Veteran Johnny Bright's twenty-four points spelled defeat in the initial game of the season. The team then bounded back to win their first NEIC contest over a favored Columbia City Eagle team by a score of 37 to 36. Their regular season was not impressive but the Tigers managed to win their share of games in tourney play, winning three out of five. The Tigers advanced to the Sectional finals but lost to Lancaster 40-25.

Although the team lacked stature, they more than made up for this with fight and determination. The Tigers played good basketball but lacked the ability to get the winning points.

Bill Blair led the team in scoring with a total of 161 points.

At the close of the season Dee Jamison, Tiger center, was elected honorary captain.

With the return of seven lettermen and many promising underclassmen, the Tigers next year should have a more promising basketball season.



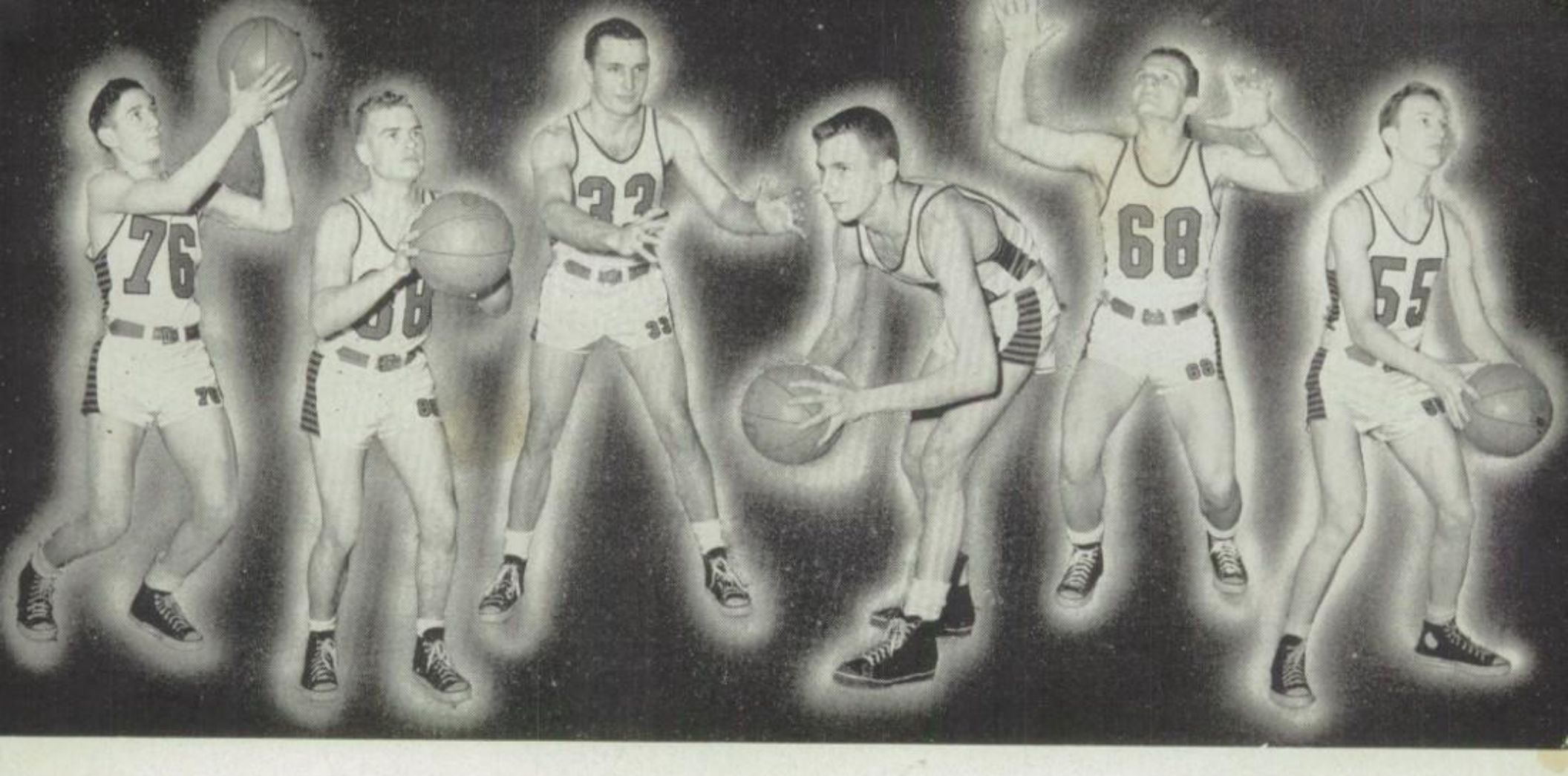
Jamison and Lockwood fight for the ball against Berne Bears.
Jamison goes up with Skiles of Kendallville for the rebound.
Blair lays one up for the Tigers.

34 to 50 Portland
37 to 36 Columbia C.
22 to 41 South Side
30 to 40 Decatur
41 to 32 Warren
20 to 49 Riley South Bend
15 to 24 Huntington
28 to 30 Berne
23 to 34 Winchester
31 to 39 New Haven (Blind tourney)
23 to 21 Berne (blind tourney)
37 to 40 New Haven

45 to 49 Hartford City
30 to 45 Garrett
43 to 25 Ossian
26 to 48 Kendallville
40 to 43 Warsaw
42 to 44 Decatur
30 to 25 C. Catholic
29 to 53 Auburn
46 to 45 Liberty
40 to 32 Rockcreek
25 to 40 Lancaster

Basketball Managers

Dave Park, basketball manager, is seen polishing the new portable water wagon. Tom Cobb, assistant manager, is cleaning a basketball before a game. Kent Shady, freshman manager, hangs up the basketball shirts until next season.



Basketball

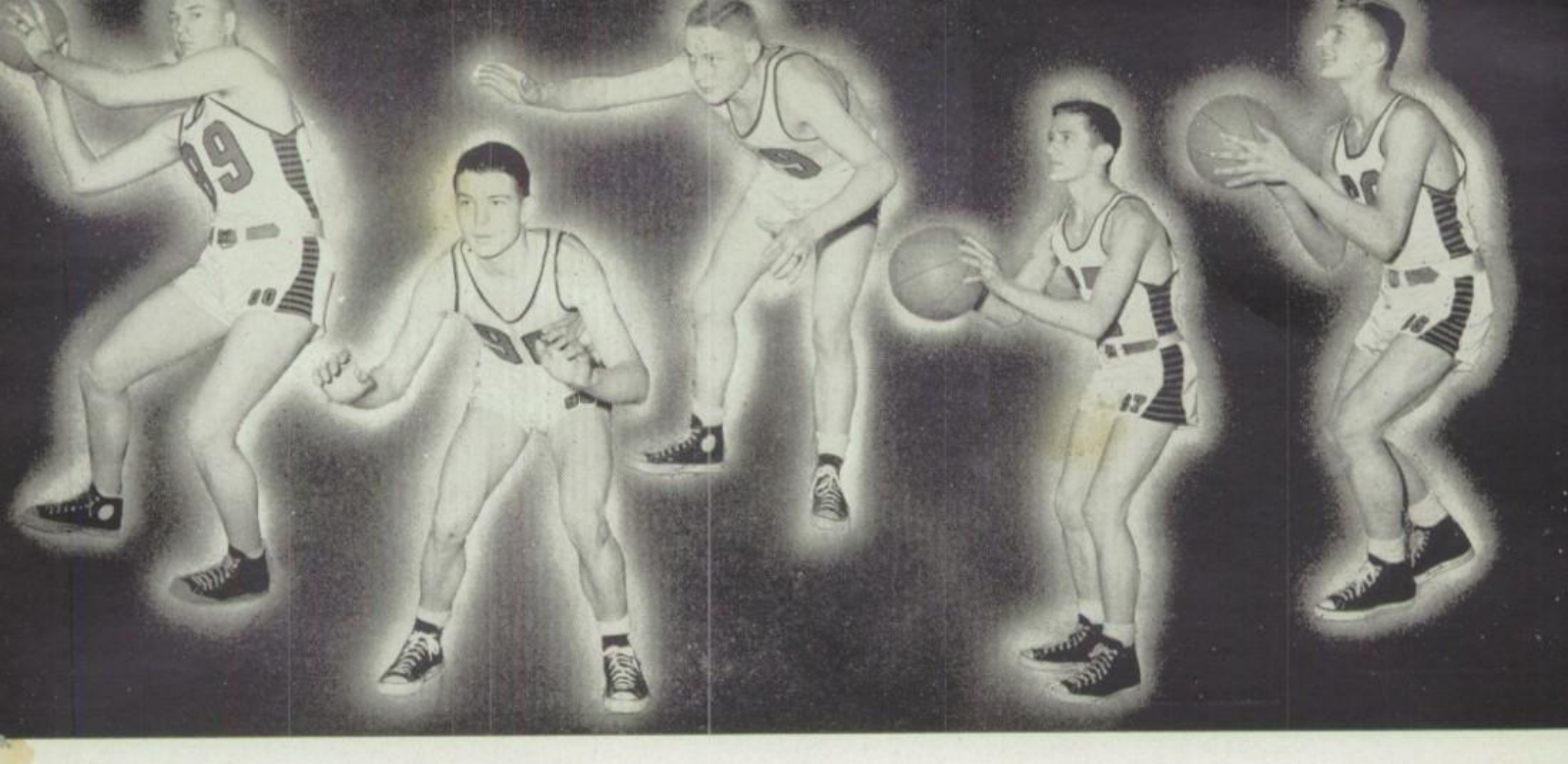
Bill Blair—A consistent scorer . . . Wendell Mertz—A tricky dribbler . . . Dee Jamison—A fighting center . . . Bob Compton—Always full of fight . . . Melvin Day—A persistent forward . . . Dick Stram—A reliable pivot man.

Coaches

Looking over next year's schedules are Joe Smith, "Doc" Blackman, L. E. Templin, H. A. Dubois. Joe served as head baseball coach and was assistant football and basketball coach. "Doc" is our dependable trainer. "Temp" is athletic director, baseball coach, and supervisor of the intramural games. Coach Dubois is coach of basketball, football, and track.

Baseball and

Sherm Steffen with his two assistants, Dick French and Bill Langel, look over the baseball equipment for the coming season.



Lettermen

George Schlagenhauf—A valuable rebounder . . . Dick Worthman—A clever ball handler . . . Max Brewer—A good defensive man . . . Gene Gilliom—A good one-handed shot . . . Don Lockwood—A hard driving guard.

Track Managers

Max Anderson, Bill Harris, and Charles Smith, our track managers, prepare to issue new equipment to B. H. S.'s thinly clads.

Yell-Leaders

With the aid of one veteran, the yell-leaders this year quickly got into the swing of things and led the Booster Club through victory and defeat. Their fine teamwork, the introduction of many new yells, their sportsmanlike attitude, and their friendliness on the courts and playing fields of B.H.S. will never be forgotten. They are, left to right: Gerry Worthman, Jean Miller, Connie Costello, Betty Sprunger.

Schaefer, Elzey, McAfee, Harris, Steffen, Edington, Anderson, Collins.

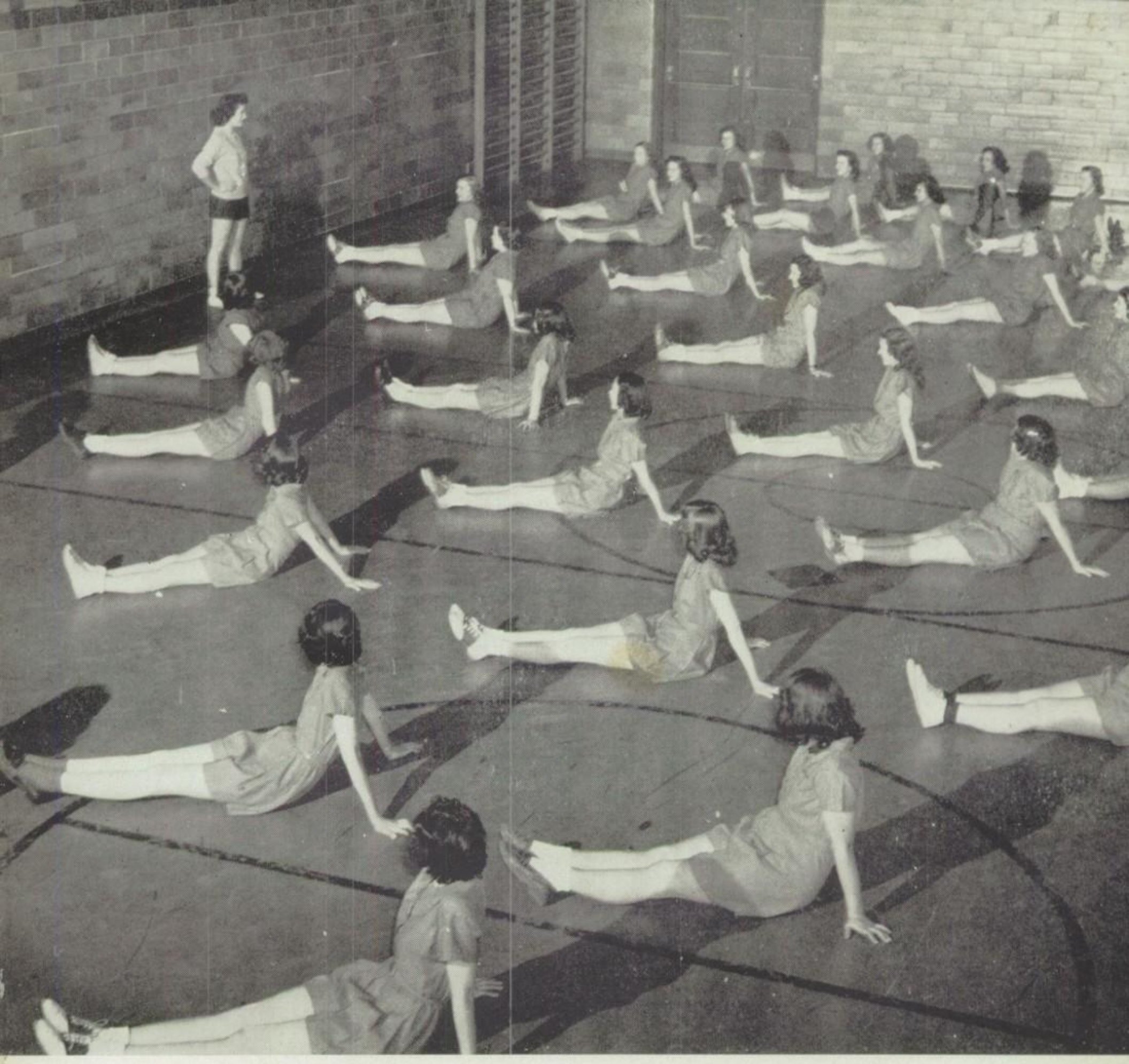
Intramural

More than eighty boys answered the call for intramural at the beginning of the season. Eight senior boys were elected captains and led their teams through two rounds of rough and tumble basketball. In the final game of the season, Dick Edington's team, winner of the first round, lost to Virgil Schaefer's team by a score of 24-15—to give "Virg" the Intramural Championship.

B-Team

The Tiger second team, under the direction of Joe Smith, consisted mostly of Sophomores and Juniors. The team came through with flying colors winning twelve out of twenty games. Several of the boys—Compton, Schlagenhauf, and Worthman, also saw action on the varsity team. The team, at all times, showed drive and determination along with the will to win.

Kneeling: Nash, Earhart, Helblig, Costello, Knox.
Back row: Assistant Coach Smith, Speheger, Magley, Wenger, Coach Dubois.



Standing, Miss June Hunt, sponsor of GAA.
Top to Bottom, Row 1: Susan Gallman, Carolyn Grover, Joan Stogdill, Dianne Brickley, Connie Costello.
Row 2: Susanne Markley, Ann Shoemaker, Joyce Fetters, Rita Somers, Sue Markley, Connie Miller.
Row 3: Shirley Reed, Carolyn Sliger, Doris Brown, Joyce Keller, Carol O'Brien, Kay Hefty, Jean Miller.
Row 4: Patty Kiefer, Joan Terhune, Marilyn Schrieber, Sharon Sutton, Margaret Craven.
Row 5: Elizabeth Witzeman, Mary Lou Watters, Babs Boswell.

Girls' Athletic Association

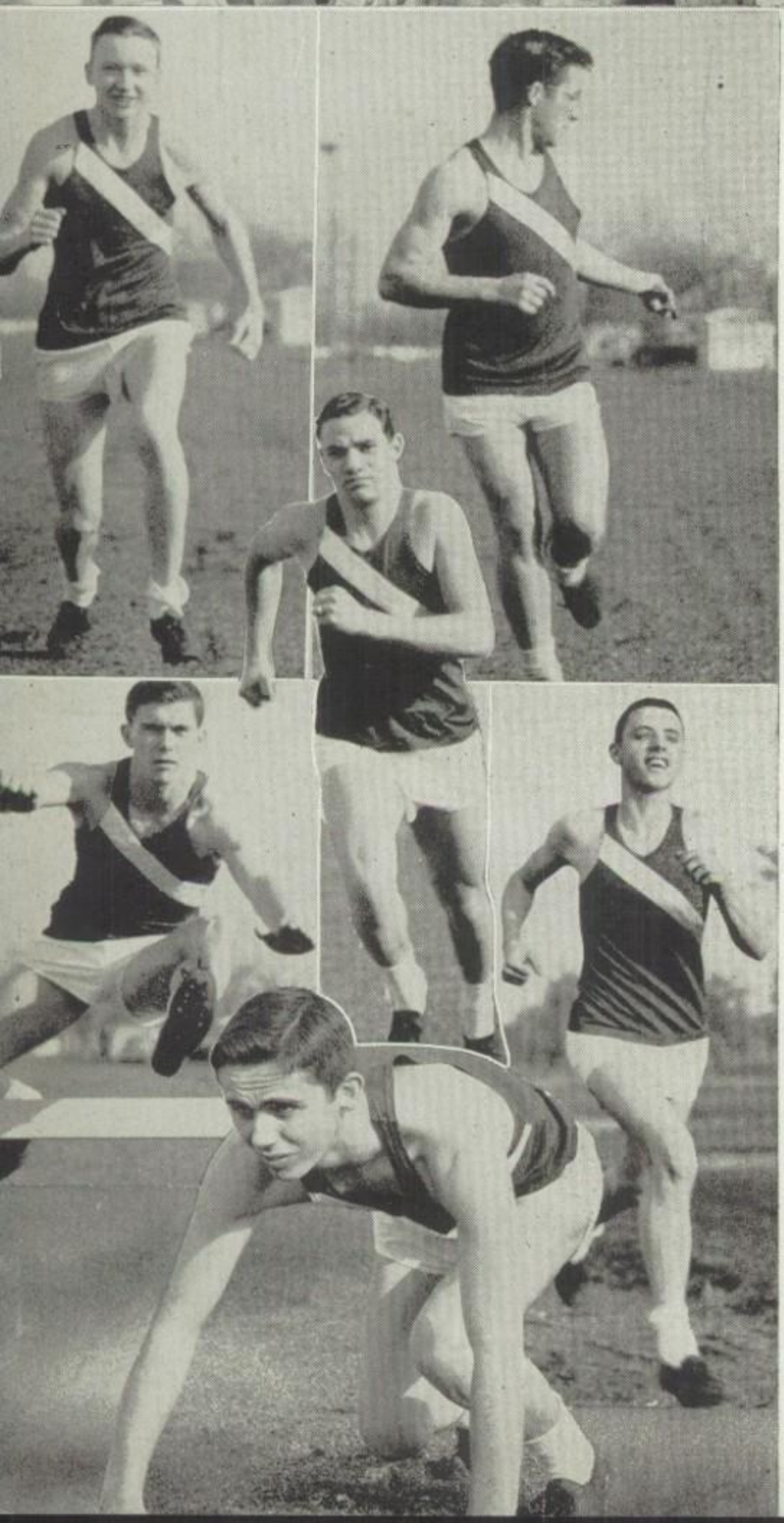
The object of the Girls' Athletic Association is to stimulate interest in girls' health and physical activities and to promote good sportsmanship. Every Wednesday after school means that we will delay our studying for several hours and substitute in its place some active enjoyment in the gym. All girls are invited to participate in such sports as soccer, volleyball, tumbling, basketball, and baseball.

The officers for the year are Elizabeth Witzeman, president; Carol Faus, vice-president; Doris Moser, treasurer; and Neah Trivus, secretary.

Through the efforts of our sponsor, Miss Hunt, individual skills were developed, new techniques perfected, and team-work emphasized. Her sportsmanship and true friendliness made every meeting a successful one.

By ELIZABETH WITZEMAN

Row 1: McAdams, Magley, Bowman, Ireland, Jamison, Stram, Roth.
Row 2: Earhart, Irey, Collins, Blair, Schaefer, Edington, Meyer.



Track

Bluffton 51 2/3, Ossian 25, Lancaster 21 1/3

Bluffton 68, Huntertown 36, Montpelier 13.

Bluffton 45 2/3, Hartford City 63 1/3.

Bluffton 23, Central 90 1/2, Huntington 42 1/2.

Bluffton 87, Central Catholic 22.

Bluffton 35, Hartford City 70.

Bluffton 55 1/3, Decatur 63 1/3.

Bluffton 85 2/3, Ossian 43 1/3, Lancaster 28 1/6, Petroleum 25 2/3 (County Meet).

Goshen Relays—12 1/2 points.

Kokomo Relays—8 points.

Conference Meet—18 points.

Lettermen

	POINTS
Stram—A high flying vaulter.	11 7/12
Irey—A dependable anchor man on the relay team.	22
Ireland—A fast-moving quarter miler.	17 1/2
McAdams—A speedy hurler.	65
Magley—Our great distance runner.	89
Roth—Our dependable dashman.	20

Row 1: H. Betz, E. Betz, Johnston, Crosby, Braun, Meckstroth, Daniels, Uptgraft, Costello, Crandall, Hedges.
Row 2: Elzy, Mertz, Day, Markley, Speheger, Compton, Nash, Miller, Gilliom, Kyle.

Baseball

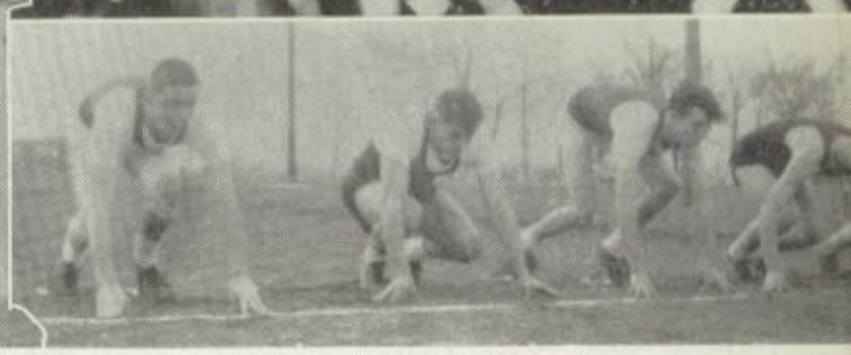
In the spring of 1948 Coach Joe Smith, with the assistance of Lawrence Templin, formed the baseball team around the return of five lettermen.

Bluffton entered into conference play with Decatur, New Haven, and Warsaw and was successful in winning two out of eight games. With eight returning lettermen the Tigers should enjoy a good season in 1949.

Bluffton	1	Hartford City	3
Bluffton	0	Berne	21
Bluffton	1	Decatur	20
Bluffton	0	Hartford City	17
Bluffton	8	Berne	3
Bluffton	6	Warsaw	19
Bluffton	3	New Haven	2
Bluffton	0	Decatur	37

Lettermen

Speheger—a sharp-eyed ball hawk.
Mertz—A quick-thinking third baseman.
Day—Our hard-hitting left fielder.
Nash—A rangy first baseman.
Gilliom—A curve-ball artist.
Markley—A clever base runner.
Kyle—A reliable second-baseman.
Compton—A peppery shortstop.



Blair tries for rebound . . . Future Varsity . . . Sign here . . . Look what was left over when the sun came out . . . Side out . . . Batter up, "Our Belle" . . . "Rocky" scores for the Tigers . . . Five bumps on a log . . . School's out—teacher let the monkeys out! . . . When day is done . . . "Ozark Ike Hedges" . . . All we have left are doughnuts . . . "and four to go" . . . "The Marching 50" . . . The queen and her court . . . Pass the feather, Susie . . . Our Varsity relaxes . . . Our janitors—always on the job . . . Gee ain't love grand . . . grab your partner.

SENIOR DIRECTORY

Betty Jean Adams—General Course. GAA; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Orchestra; Operetta; Band Award.

Paul Albertson Jr.—General Course. Transferred from Madison in 1946; Intramural; Booster Club.

Robert Max Anderson—General Course. Booster Club; Hi-Y; Student Council; Track Manager; Intramural Captain.

Patricia Joan Archbold—General Course. Glee; Y-Teen; Operetta; GAA Award.

Evelyn Irene Arnold—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award; Glee President.

Ina Claire Baird—Academic Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award.

Kayneal Joseph Bauman—General Course. Booster Club; Hi-Y; Football; Intramural; Varsity Club.

Floy Louise Biddle—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

William Eugene Blair—General Course. Football Manager; Intramural; Varsity Club; Basketball.

Joan Boswell—Commercial Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Richard Murray Bowman—Academic Course. Booster Club; Intramural; Hi-Y; Junior Play; Football; Senior Rotarian.

Doris Joan Brown—General Course. Booster Club; GAA Award; Class Treasurer 3 and 4; Retrospect Feature Editor; Senior Play; National Honor Society; the City Desk.

Janelle Buckner—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Vice president; Glee Award; Retrospect Feature Editor.

Peggy Jo Campbell—Academic Course. Booster Club; Comet Staff; Y-Teen; GAA Award; Math Club; Latin Club; Junior Town Meeting Speaker; Senior Play; Retrospect Calendar Editor; Latin Award.

Betty Jean Carnall—General Course. Y-Teen.

Gerald Eugene Cobbum—Agricultural Course. Booster Club; Intramural; Softball; 4-H Award; Judging; FFA.

William L. Collins—General Course. Booster Club; Class Treasurer 1; Intramural Captain.

William F. Conner—Industrial Arts Course. Booster Club; Student Council; Orchestra; Hi-Y Vice president; Band Award; Intramural; Softball; Bob Hannie Memorial; Athletic Council; Retrospect Assistant Business Manager; National Honor Society President; Senior Rotarian; Junior and Senior Class Plays.

Laura Mae Coverdale—General Course. Booster Club; Operetta; Glee; Y-Teen.

Patricia Louise Crosbie—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award; Retrospect Typist.

Pauline Marie Croy—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Class Treasurer 2; Glee; Junior and Senior Plays; Math Club.

Mary Avolyn Culver—Academic Course. Booster Club; 4-H Award; Orchestra; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee; Comet Editor; Student Council; GAA Award; Junior and Senior Plays; Math Club; Junior Town Meeting; the City Desk; Retrospect Calendar Editor; National Honor Society; Quill and Scroll.

Melvin Dean Day—General Course. Booster Club; Intramural; Football; Baseball; Varsity Club; Football Captain.

Richard Kay Edington—General Course. Class Vice president 1; Booster Club; Football; Varsity Club; Intramural Captain.

Robert James Ferguson—General Course. Transferred from Peru, Ind.; Booster Club; Hi-Y; Orchestra Award; Band Award; Operetta.

Gloria Belle Flesher—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award.

Sally A. Foster—Academic Course. Booster Club; Class Secretary 1; Class Vice president 2; Y-Teen Vice president; Glee Award; Operetta; Junior and Senior Plays; Math Club; Retrospect Literary Editor; National Honor Society; Quill and Scroll; I. U. Merit Scholarship.

Barbara Jean Gass—Academic Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; GAA Award; Latin Club; Latin Award.

Dick Gilgen—General Course. Booster Club; Intramural.

Mary L. Gilliom—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award; Junior Class Play Prompter.

Richard E. Glenn—Agriculture Course. Transferred from Detroit in 1946. Booster Club; 4-H Award; FFA.

Charles Edward Guiler—General Course Booster Club; Hi-Y; Senior Rotarian.

Helen Marie (Wilson) Haines—Commercial Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Neil R. Harris—Academic Course. Athletic Council; Operetta; Band Award; Hi-Y District President; Football; Intramural Captain; Varsity Club; Retrospect Scribe; Senior Play; Senior Rotarian; the City Desk; I. U. Scholarship.

Wayne J. Harter—Industrial Arts Course. Booster Club; Intramural.

Dave Huffman—Academic Course. Booster Club; Hi-Y Treasurer; the City Desk; Retrospect Assistant Literary Editor; Senior Rotarian.

Mona Huss—Commercial Course. Booster Club.

Bill Ireland — Academic Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Hi-Y; Student Council; Football; Track; Varsity Club; Senior Rotarian; Retrospect Sports Editor.

Jack Irey—Academic Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Student Council; Hi-Y; Football; Track; Varsity Club; Senior Rotarian; Retrospect Sports Editor; I. U. Merit Scholarship.

SENIOR DIRECTORY

Dee Jamison—General Course. Football; Basketball; Track; Varsity Club; Student Council.

Joyce Keller—Academic Course. Glee Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; GAA Award; Latin Award; Latin Club.

Nondes Kipfer—Commercial Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Class Secretary 3 and 4; Retrospect Business Manager; National Honor Society.

John Kyle—General Course. Intramural; Hi-Y.

Jerry Leimgruber — General Course. Athletic Council; Band; FFA.

Marcille Maller—Academic Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award; Senior Play; National Honor Society; Retrospect Scribe.

Roger Maller—General Course. Intramural.

James Markley — General Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Football; Varsity Club.

Marilyn Markley—Commercial Course. Band; Orchestra; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Band Award; GAA Award; Junior Play; Glee; Retrospect Typist; Senior Play.

Patty Jo Markley—General Course. Glee; Booster Club; Y-Teen; GAA; Operetta.

Susanne Markley—Academic Course. 4-H Award; Orchestra; Booster Club; Glee; Operetta; Band Secretary 3 and 4; GAA Secretary 3; Class Vice president 3 and 4; Y-Teen Treasurer 3; Comet Feature Editor; National Honor Society Secretary 3; Band Award; Psi Ote Ring; GAA Award; Junior Play; Y-Teen President; Retrospect Scribe; Student Council Vice President; Prompter of Senior Play; the City Desk.

Roger McAdams—General Course. Intramural; Track; Basketball; Football; Softball; Baseball; Varsity Club.

Jack McAfee—Academic Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Hi-Y; Operetta; Band Award; Orchestra Award; Junior Play; Senior Play; Retrospect Scribe; Senior Rotarian.

Patricia Moser—Commercial Course. GAA; Booster Club; Retrospect Typist.

Mae Modena Mowery—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Catherine Lu Muster—Commercial Course. Booster Club. Transferred from Whitewater, Indiana, in 1947.

Robert Samuel Myers—General Course. Booster Club; Hi-Y; Senior Play.

Marilyn Ann Park—Academic Course. Yell Leader; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Glee Award; Comet Associate Editor; National Honor Society; Junior Play; Quill and Scroll; Retrospect Associate Editor; Student Council; Math Club; Senior Play; Junior Town Meeting Speaker.

Phyllis Ann Pearson—Commercial Course. Band; 4-H Award; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Glee; Operetta; Orchestra Award.

Peggy Joan Penrod—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Joan Adelle Prough—General Course. GAA; Orchestra; Booster Club; Y-Teen Secretary 2; Operetta; Retrospect Art Editor.

Garnett Lucille Rauch—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Richard Allen Roth—Academic Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Hi-Y; Class President 2, 3, and 4; Student Council President; Football; Track; Varsity Club; Retrospect Sports Editor; National Honor Society; Senior Rotarian

Billy Wayne Roush—General Course. Intramural; Basketball; Football; Track; Varsity Club; Booster Club.

Virgil Lee Schaefer—General Course. Booster Club; Band Award; Intramural Captain.

Joyce Eileen Scharlach—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Jo Ann Schmoll—General Course. Y-Teen; Glee; Booster Club; Transferred from Laramie, Wyoming in 1947.

James Hamilton Schultz—Academic Course. Comet News Editor; Retrospect Assistant Literary Editor; Junior Town Meeting Speaker.

Ann Shoemaker—Academic Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen; GAA Award; National Honor Society; Senior Play.

Curtis Duane Sprunger—Academic Course. Intramural; Booster Club; Student Council; Junior Play; Football; Senior Play; Senior Rotarian; Hi-Y President.

Anna Marie Steffen—General Course. Booster Club; Y-Teen.

Sherman Eugene Steffen—Academic Course. Booster Club; Hi-Y; Baseball; Junior Play; Football; Varsity Club; Senior Rotarian; Intramural Captain.

Dick Stram—General Course. Intramural; Hi-Y; Softball; Student Council; Football; Track; Varsity Club; Basketball; Senior Rotarian.

Frances Sturgeon — Academic Course. Booster Club; Glee. Transferred from Hoagland in 1948.

Carolyn Teeple—Academic Course. Yell Leader; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; GAA Treasurer; Glee Secretary-treasurer; Glee Award; GAA Award; Retrospect Assistant Literary Editor; Math Club President; Senior Class Play Prompter.

Betty Thoma—Academic Course. Class Secretary 1; Comet; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Student Council Secretary; National Honor Society President; Glee Award; Quill and Scroll; Retrospect Editor-in-Chief; DAR Citizenship Award; Senior Play.

Bob Tuttle—General Course. Booster Club.

Elizabeth Witzeman—Commercial Course. Class President 1; Orchestra; 4-H Award; Student Council; Booster Club; Y-Teen; Operetta; Comet; National Honor Society; State Art Award; GAA Award; GAA President; Retrospect Typist; Retrospect Scribe; Ball State Scholarship.

When All Else Is Forgotten

As we have roamed through the halls of B. H. S. these last four years, we have founded many friendships—friendships which will be remembered when everything else is forgotten. These close associations have been made because we have worked and played together, working toward a common goal, graduation. Through our extra-curricular groups, a better and more lasting foundation for future fellowships has been built. The feeling of sportsman-like rivalry in our athletic contests has helped to develop friendships. Faithful friends are hard to find, but by sharing the joys and sorrows of our classmates, we have secured many steadfast friends for ourselves.

And now the time has come when we must say goodbye—goodbye to Allen High and to our friends. Yes, we are sad—sad because the happiest days of our lives, our school days, are over. Each of us must go his own way now and find his place in the future. As we travel over the crowded paths of life, we shall realize that it is not so much the successes we achieve or the money we acquire that makes our lives useful in this world, but the good we can do and the people we call our friends who make life truly worth living.

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